

WEEK 2

THE MAKING OF A  
SMALL GROUP LEADER

# SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW

## I. Jesus Christ Call to Leadership

- A. The Redefining of Leadership - Matthew 20:25-28
- B. The Instructions of Leadership - Matthew 28:16-20

## II. The Early Church Call to Leadership

- A. The Empowerment for Leadership - Acts 1:3-8
- B. The Appointment of Leadership - Acts 6:1-6
- C. The Example of Leadership - Acts 20:17-36

## III. The apostle Paul's Call to Leadership

### A. It is Good - I Timothy 3:1-7

- 1. Good to Desire
- 2. Based on Character

### B. Set an Example

- 1. I Timothy 4:11-16
- 2. II Thessalonians 3:7-12
- 3. I Peter 5:2-3

### C. Select Faithful People

- 1. II Timothy 2:2-7
  - a. 2:2 - the command
  - b. 2:3-7 - the cost

### D. Leaders and Followers Will Be Accountable

- 1. Hebrews 13:7, 17
- 2. I Corinthians 16:15-16
- 3. James 3:1

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## Cultivate a Heart for Christ-honoring Leadership

*Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He bought with His own blood.*

### 1. "Inside Out" Leadership (Life-Changing Small Groups)

a. Christ-follower (I Tim. 6:11)

b. Character (I Tim. 4:12)

c. Calling (2 Tim. 1:6-9)

d. Competence (2 Tim. 2:15)

e. Comprehensive (2 Tim. 4:5)

f. Commitment (2 Tim. 4:2)

g. Capacity (I Tim. 4:14-16)

# LIFE -CHANGING SMALL GROUPS



## EXERCISE: Assessment

Take inventory of yourself as a leader as Paul admonished Timothy. Identify areas of strength and celebrate them. Take note of areas for improvement as well. When finished, list one action step you can take in one of these areas for improvement or growth over the next 30 days. Discuss this with a partner and pray for each other.

Christ-follower      1—2—3—4—5

Character            1—2—3—4—5

Calling              1—2—3—4—5

Competence        1—2—3—4—5

Comprehensive    1—2—3—4—5

Commitment       1—2—3—4—5

Capacity            1—2—3—4—5

### ACTION STEP

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# LEADERSHIP TRAINING GUIDE

## HOW TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH PEOPLE IN YOUR SMALL GROUP:

- A. Trust the Holy Spirit to use you and the many opportunities available to effectively follow up and disciple people.
  
- B. Do not feel that you must push those who are slow to develop. Pray for them to “ripen”, and in the meantime, follow up those who are responsive.
  
- C. To develop good rapport with the people in your small group, follow these suggestions:
  - 1. Be faithful in prayer for them (Phil.1:7-9, Col. 4:12-13, Eph. 3:14-19)
  - 2. Be a friend to them (Proverbs 18:24)
  - 3. Share your life as well as the message (I Thessalonians 2:6-8, I Cor. 4:17)
  - 4. Set a pattern of conduct worthy for them to follow (Phil. 4:9)
  - 5. Accept individuals on the basis of love and trust, rather than performance.
  - 6. Let them see that you are interested in them personally. They need to know that they are important to you and that you are available to help them grow.
  - 7. Sympathize with personal problems and relate them to Christ.  
(Problems are often opportunities that draw us closer the Lord.)
  - 8. Do things together: study, sports, shopping, service project, lunch/meals, attend a game or concert, workout, lift weights, learn an instrument, take a class together, aerobics, hiking, sing together, biking, etc.
  - 9. Communicate to them that you are available to help them grow in their faith and that you are not going to pressure them. Encourage them to feel free to express any questions or misunderstandings that they may have about Christ.
  - 10. Look for opportunities to have a significant ministry in their life.  
(Romans 12:10-15)