

Introduction to Leadership

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Course description: Part 2

This course explores an introduction into leadership. The introduction consists of several classes that will define leadership, discuss why now is critical for the development of leaders in the church, and what course of action should be taken today in order to develop leaders for tomorrow.

Course Objectives: By the end of this class students will have:

- A. Described a minimum of five qualities that leaders possess.
- B. Examined biblical passages to support the qualities of great leaders.

Outline of the class:

- A. During the first ten minutes of the class divide the class into groups of 3 or 4 and ask them to make a list of at least five qualities great biblical leaders commonly possess.
- B. After about 10 minutes, ask each group to share one of the qualities they chose and how they see this quality connected to leadership today. Continue to go around the room until everyone has shared their list. Make sure to write these on the whiteboard.
- C. Consider the following qualities and discuss the passages that relate to each of these qualities. What does this mean for us today in leadership.
 - 1. They know God and His will: John 17:3; 2 Peter 3:18; Philippians 3:4-11
 - 2. God's kingdom is a priority: Matthew 6:33
 - 3. They have a mindset focused on the spiritual (heavenly, mind of Christ): Philippians 2:5-8; Colossians 3:1-3
 - 4. They think on the right things: Proverbs 23:7; Philippians 4:8
 - 5. They are active, not passive: James 1:22; 2 Timothy 2:4

Conclusion:

- A. The qualities needed for solid leadership must come from the direction we find in scripture. These qualities begin with the areas we have discussed today.
- B. Next week, we will continue to look at additional areas that identify the qualities of biblical leadership.