

Session 1 –Biblical Leadership

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What is Leadership?

Leadership is influence. The people you influence are the people you potentially lead.

This could be in your family, workplace, friendship group, church, Bible study, community, sports teams.

The person who holds the most influence will be the person who leads and sets the direction for which ever group you are in.

Read Hebrews 11

1. We are called to lead out of our faith and relationship with God.

- Noah led his family onto the Ark out of his relationship with God (Genesis 6-9)
- Abraham led his family and workers out his relationship with God (Genesis 13)

We cannot claim to be Christian leaders if we are not leading out of our relationship with God.

2. If we lead completely in our own strength and abilities, we will be limited by our weaknesses. However, if we lead through God's strength and abilities, we are limited by His weaknesses, which are non-existent.

- If Moses had relied on his strengths, he would never have crossed the red sea. (Exodus 13)

3. God will equip us with the tools we need to lead in the places He has called us.

- Nehemiah was called and equipped by God (Nehemiah 1 and 2)
'God has given you everything you need to build the house.' Tommy Barnett

4. Leading out of faith and relationship with God doesn't mean it will be easy.

- Moses was led by God and still encountered difficulties (Numbers 11).

5. Biblical leaders make mistakes.

- David behaved immorally (2 Samuel 11-12).
- Moses made mistakes (Numbers 20).

Being a leader is not about being perfect. It's about learning from your mistakes and seeking to do your best.

6. Biblical leaders direct people towards God.

- *This should be the distinction between Christian leaders and non-Christian leaders.*

Follow-up Questions:

1. Who is your favourite leader in the Bible (not including Jesus)?
2. Describe the perfect Christian leader.
3. How do you think faith in God makes Christian leaders distinct from other leaders?
4. What areas in your life do you lead or hold influence in?
5. Which of the points discussed would help you most in leading in those areas?
6. Which of the points mentioned do you find most challenging?