

# LIFE STUDIES

Leaders for Life



A SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM MADE BY PBC





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# L.I.F.E STARTER JOURNALING

*The Bible journaling method called LIFE Starter was developed to create an easy, yet effective way for people to study the Bible, remember what they read and allow their hearts to get ignited for Jesus Christ.*

**L.I.F.E. stands for Listen, Investigate, Focus and Engage**

## **L=Listen**

In your journal, write the date and the Scripture you're studying. After you've read the passage a few times, listen to the Holy Spirit and focus on a verse or two that stands out to you and then write out those verses in your journal. Writing helps you remember the verses

## **I = Investigate**

*Next, you investigate the context around the Scripture reading. To whom was this written? Why? How does this passage fit with what comes before and after it? What is the Holy Spirit communicating through this text? Feel free to use Bible study tools for commentary. [Bible Study Tools](#) or [Easy English Bible](#).*

## **F = Focus**

The next step is focusing on the text to make it applicable for your own life. What does the text mean today? What is God saying to you personally through this passage? How can you apply what you've read? Write out a couple sentences detailing what God is saying to you through the text.

## **E = Engage**

The final step in the journaling process is engaging God. This can either be a short prayer or an action that you can take that day after reading the text. Is there a command to follow in the text? How are you different because of what you've learned?

*The beautiful thing about this journaling method is that it is short and only takes a few minutes, and it can be done every time you read or study a passage.*



# **SESSION 1: WHY BE A GREAT LEADER?**

## *Prayer, Welcome and Ice Breaker Question: 20 minutes*

Introduce yourself and talk about why you are doing this study and what you hope to get out of it

## *Session #1 Teaching: What does God say about leadership?: 5 minutes*

Christian leadership is not rooted in worldly notions of success, such as the love of money or power. Jesus Himself spoke against this when expressing the importance of serving others in Matthew 20:25-28, where...Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Leading entails influencing people to think, say and behave in ways that take them from one place to another. Leading can be formal (you hold a position of authority in a group) or informal (you influence people but don't hold a position of authority). It is all too easy for a leader to get wrapped up in the "what, when and how" of leadership and miss what is even more important than the tangible results of completed tasks and goals met.

***I want to start this study by challenging you to consider these Christian leadership principles that we will cover in more detail in each session:***

**1. Be Passionate for True Biblical Leadership:** True Biblical leadership starts in the heart, NOT the head. Many of us have been trained to lead like dictators instead of loving servants. You can lead from any position by showing the heart of Jesus. In fact, instead of misleading or exploiting people, good leaders motivate others as seen in Nehemiah 2:17 as, "Nehemiah fearlessly motivated the people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem!" Nehemiah laid out a vision, and shared a plan and he reassured God's people that God was with them. When we are moving people for our benefit, we manipulate and exploit them. But when we call people to a higher purpose, ***we motivate them.***

**2. Love & Modesty:** God is love (1 John 4:8) and "the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Romans 5:5). Expressing the power and influence of the love of God is difficult to overemphasize. Love is central to Christianity and every Christian. Any Christian leader should be driven in his or her life by the love of God in anything that he or she does. In this light, may other people recognize the heart and motives of that leader. Proverbs 16:5 says the proud of heart are "an abomination" to God. Being arrogant does not help model or demonstrate Christ's interests. Rather, it is in direct conflict with Christian leadership. Proverbs 16:18-19 reminded us that...Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

**3. Willingness to Grow in Integrity:** Jesus modeled self-development, and one of the most striking examples of this is when He prayed in the garden at Gethsemane just before His arrest. Jesus knew “all things that would come upon Him” (John 18:4), including the painful flogging and crucifixion. Christian leaders can follow Jesus’ example of seeking God for insight into His will and for strength. Becoming more righteous is a lifelong process for all Christians, and leaders need to make time to grow spiritually. Good leaders practice and value integrity. Integrity involves actions as well as words. Integrity involves practicing what we preach, being consistent and dependable, doing what we say we will do and living in such a way that others will trust us.

**4. Calm, Courage and Consistency:** When leading, reacting with calming-the-storm words in tense situations is paramount! Servant leaders recognize the power of words and speak with words that people can understand, words that build self-esteem, words that calm the storm, and they do it in as few and simple words as possible. Leaders also need courage. Staying on mission takes courage. Making tough decisions no one will understand at the time takes courage. Doing what is right, every time, when those around you are trying to find an easy way out takes courage. Living your values on a moment-to-moment basis takes courage. Not allowing anyone or anything to change who you are even in those pressure moments takes courage. Lastly, when it comes to leadership of any kind, consistency is a vital component of success. People are drawn to consistency, but it takes time to demonstrate real and effective consistency in leadership

**5. Following of God’s Will:** There is NOTHING more important in a leader than seeking God’s direction! A good leader seeks the Lord, commits his way to the Lord and the Lord establishes the next steps

So, this study will be all about **developing Christian leadership**. In session #2, we will review what it means to be a “**servant leader**” in more detail, then we will review **5-pillars of servant leadership**, being passionate, using your heart and not just your head, being loving and modest, always willing to grow and not get stuck in your comfort zones, learning to be calm, courageous and consistent and finally, **ALWAYS following of God’s will!** We will wrap up this study with how to apply leadership in your personal life, professional life and what will God’s leadership plan for your future look like.

**So, buckle up and get ready to go on a great ride toward being the Biblical leader God called you to be!**

### **Small Group Discussion: 20 minutes**

**Reread Matthew 20:25–28 and discuss...**

- What is your current style of leadership?
- How do you want to improve?

***Review the 7 Christian leadership principles and discuss...***

- Of the leadership principles, what are you doing well and where do you need the most improvement?
- Talk about and make some goals and commitments for yourself to your group!
- Pray as a group and ask the Holy Spirit to make your goals a reality.

***Small Group Wrap-Up: 10 minutes***

- What were the biggest take-aways and personal commitment from your small group time?

***Discuss This Week's Homework: 5 minutes***

Focus on the ***LIFE Journaling Method*** and it will give you more insight to become a spiritual leader!

- Pray about your commitment to this study and rethink what you want to get out of it.



# SESSION #1

## WK. 1 DEVO 1

### **Re-Read Matthew 20:20-28**

*Journal about the importance of serving others.*

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## WK. 1 DEVO 2

### Read Nehemiah 2:11-20

Journal about how Nehemiah motivated others.

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# SESSION #1

## WK. 1 DEVO 3

### **Read Romans 5:1-11**

*Journal about how God's LOVE should be our driving force as leaders.*

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# SESSION #1

## WK. 1 DEVO 4

### **Read John 18:1-14**

*Jesus modeled self-development, and one of the most striking examples of this is when He prayed in the garden at Gethsemane just before His arrest. How are YOU modeling?*

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# SESSION 2: WHAT IS SERVANT LEADERSHIP?

Welcome & Review Last Week's Homework/LIFE Starters: 15 minutes

Session #2 Teaching: What is servant leadership?: 10 minutes

Many of us were raised with a picture of leadership that looked a lot like a dictatorship! The foundational pillar of this study and our culture at PBC is to understand that good leadership does at least two things... First it accomplishes worthwhile goals. Secondly, good leadership develops and transforms those who are being lead. Leadership is needed to transform vision into reality. The Bible tells us to be servant leaders and there are two components of servant-leadership; first is that of being a servant and the second is being a leader. "Servant" defines the timeless, changeless style and attitude that must be present in our lives. "Leadership" defines the responsibility. Servant-leaders who serve but do not lead may be wonderful servants but they are not servant-leaders. Romans 12:8 calls us to "lead with diligence." I believe we are ALL leaders since we have influence over others, which forces us to learn how to be responsible and accountable to lead, for the lack of leadership causes chaos. The lack of leadership is spelled out in Matthew 9:36, as the Bible tells us it produces followers who are "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." In God's kingdom, leaders serve us best by leading us and lead best by serving us. The essence, style and attitude of servant leadership is found in Philippians 2:3-5. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in the very nature God, ...made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant." The focus of servant leadership is on the **growth, success and welfare of the followers**. The primary focus of a servant-leader is on his or her followers rather than on self. It is this singular characteristic which defines servant-leadership. If you simply open your eyes, YOU will see the many people that are watching you. Those are the people you have influence over and you are leading them toward Jesus or NOT.

The ownership of that fact is critical and your acceptance of the leadership position God has entrusted you with **means everything**. If servanthood is merely a technique to advance yourself, you will fail. It's like trying to fake authenticity. Although many Christian leaders like to be seen as servant-leaders, few want to be treated as servants. For this reason, **servanthood must come from the heart** and I will devote the entire NEXT session to this truth. In later sessions we will also look at all the practical arenas where we are called to serve as leaders – in our homes, on our jobs, in our ministries and even here at PBC. If you can grasp the one common theme from this study and make sure that servant-leadership is genuine, you will be able to apply servant leadership in every arena where leading and serving are required. Leadership will allow you to find God's purpose and direction. Everything Jesus did from his baptism to the cross was laden with purpose. In being a servant-leader, his vision was clear. As a servant-leader he said to his potential followers, "I know where I'm going. I want you to go with me and I'll serve you by giving you what you need along the way." As a servant-leader he understood each disciple's giftedness, gave them work in line with their giftedness, held them accountable and helped them with their weaknesses.

He took time to explain, time and again, where he was going. To Jesus, servant-leadership was not a program but a response. He equipped his disciples to solve problems and make decisions in view of the stated mission. In fact, Jesus, **the most powerful human to ever walk this earth**, came to serve and not be served. When faced with His last 24 hours walking this earth He didn't go do exhilarating, self-serving things, instead He strapped on a towel and washed feet.

***If you want to live and lead like Jesus as much as I do, this is the RIGHT study for you!***

### ***Small Group Discussion: 20 minutes***

- Would your family and children (if you have any) tag you as a servant-leader? Why or why not? Discuss as a group.
- Are you serving your followers or trying to impress your superiors or protect your position?
- Are more followers becoming servant-leaders as a result of your servant-leadership? Are you developing those under you?
- Are the followers reaching their potential? Are they learning? Serving? Growing? Are you building leaders or followers? Who could replace you tomorrow?
- Are you and your followers accomplishing organizational goals?
- Are you sharing the credit and regularly saying "thanks"?

### ***Small Group Wrap-Up: 10 minutes***

- What were the biggest take-aways and personal commitment from your small group time?

### ***Discuss This Week's Homework: 5 minutes***

Focus on the **LIFE Journaling Method** and it will give you more insight to embracing spiritual growth!

- Pray about how to become the servant leader at work and in your family and grow spiritually.

# SESSION #2

## WK. 2 DEVO 1

### **Read Romans 12**

*Journal about being called to “lead with diligence.”*

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# SESSION #2

## WK. 2 DEVO 2

### **Read Matthew 9:35-38**

*The workers are FEW. Are you willing to step up your leadership responsibilities?*

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# SESSION #2

## WK. 2 DEVO 3

### **Read Philippians 2**

*The essence, style and attitude of servant leadership is found in Philippians 2.*

*Journal about what you read.*

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# SESSION #2

## WK. 2 DEVO 4

### **Read James 1:19-27**

*Journal about “acting” on the word of God as a leader.*

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# **SESSION 3: HEART OR HEAD FOR LEADERSHIP?**

*Welcome & Review Last Week's Homework/LIFE Starters: 15 minutes*

*Session #3 Teaching: Have Heart for Leadership, NOT Just Head Knowledge: 10 minutes*

**Are YOU ready to be a Passionate Biblical leader?** As stated in Session #1, true Biblical leadership starts in the heart, NOT the head. Many of us have been trained to lead like dictators instead of loving servants. We start ALL of PBC's Life Studies with the WHY of the subject we are covering in the study. In the case of servant leadership the heart is **"your why."** Within the heart lies the reason why we do what we do; it is our intention and motivation. It is the core of who we are, so it has everything to do with everything. Proverbs 4:23 tells us clearly, "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

In your heart, your beliefs about Jesus are stored – and that belief changes everything. Without a solid foundation with Christ in your heart, you will struggle as a leader. The heart of a leader is everything; it's the lifeline to the leader's health. When our hearts are muddled—the foundation rocky—our ability to inspire and lead others will suffer, and people will feel it. Which is why it is so important to examine our hearts. To be honest and open to evaluation. We lead others to serve God and for the greater good. With that, there is an **upward focus, inward examination and outward manifestation.** In his book, **Lead Like Jesus**, Ken Blanchard states that self-promotion (pride) and self-protection (fear) dominate today's leadership style. Many leaders act as if the sheep are there only for the benefit of the shepherd. Ken talks about the alternative approach to leadership that Leaders for Life is founded on and it is driven by four basic beliefs that have become central to his ministry:

- **Leadership happens anytime we influence the thinking, behavior, or development of another person.**
- **Jesus is the greatest leadership role model of all time.**
- **Servant leadership is the only approach to leadership that Jesus validates for His followers.**
- **Effective leadership begins on the inside, with our hearts.**

If we can grasp these truths, we will begin a transformational journey towards influencing others for Christ in a new and more effective way. They discuss the role of your heart, as much as your head when it comes to leading. They also discuss creating NEW habits and encourages you to be open and vulnerable to CHANGE! That is a scary proposition, but one we need to embrace to grow!

- **Are YOU ready to grow? Are you ready to lead with your heart?**

**A changed heart equals a changed leader.** And leading like Jesus – leadership that achieves strong relationships and results – starts on the inside, beginning with the heart. Through Scripture, we learn that love is stored in our hearts (Mark 12:33); we forgive each other from our hearts (Matthew 18:35), our words are banked in our hearts (Luke 6:45), we store Scripture in our hearts (Psalm 119:11), and it is in the heart that we seek and find God (Jeremiah 29:13). No wonder we are told to guard our hearts above all else! Now it's time to follow Jesus' basic motivation which was love for his followers, being fully aware of his position as leader. Before the disciples experienced Him as their servant, they had already experienced him many times before as Master, and as a strong and extremely powerful leader. He voluntarily became a servant to His followers, not only as their foot washer, but ready to serve His followers as needed.

**Jesus set the example, now it's up to YOU to follow!**

### **Small Group Discussion: 20 minutes**

- Discuss how YOU have been led in the past. Has someone led you with heart before?
- What might block you from leading as discussed in today's video?
- If you agree that leading like Jesus is leadership that achieves strong relationships and results and starts on the inside, beginning with the heart...Discuss together some practical ways you need to make some changes to do that:
  - With your family,
  - Your work,
  - Your church,
  - Other areas of influence.
- Finish in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to adjust your vision of leadership to shift it from your head to your heart!

### **Small Group Wrap-Up: 10 minutes**

- What were the biggest take-aways and action items from your small group time?

### **Discuss This Week's Homework: 5 minutes**



# SESSION #3

## WK. 3 DEVO 1

### **Read Proverbs 4**

Proverbs 4:23 tells us clearly, "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." Journal about wisdom and using your heart to lead!

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# SESSION #3

## WK. 3 DEVO 2

### **Read Mark 12:28-34**

*Journal about the love that is stored in your heart and how to use that love as a leader.*

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# SESSION #3

## WK. 3 DEVO 3

### **Read Psalm 119:9-16**

*Journal about how you delight in the Lord and use that delight as a leader.*

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# SESSION #3

## WK. 3 DEVO 4

### **Read Jeremiah 29:1-23**

*Pray about and journal about seeking God with your whole heart to be the best leader you can be.*

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# SESSION 4: LOVE & MODESTY

*Welcome & Review Last Week's Homework/LIFE Starters: 15 minutes*

*Session #4 Teaching: Love & Modesty: 10 minutes*

The theme through this study is from **1 John 4:8**, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love," and in **Romans 5:5**, where the Bible tells us that, "the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." Expressing the power and influence of the love of God is central to leadership and every Christian leader should be driven by the love of God in everything they do. In this light, other people will recognize the heart and motives of this type of leader as true, Godly and modest. On the other hand, **Proverbs 16:5** says the proud of heart are "an abomination" to God. Being arrogant does not help model or demonstrate Christ's interests. Rather, it is in direct conflict with Christian leadership. **Proverbs 16:18-19** reminded us that...Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Showing God's love in your leadership style takes modesty, which is the offspring of humility. Humility is evaluating ourselves properly, with sober judgment as explained in **Romans 12:3**, "For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you." Modesty is behavior that flows out of remembering our true place of service, and does not conceitedly boast about the self, but boasts in God (**Philippians 2:3-4; 2 Corinthians 10:17**). Modesty, or the lack thereof, reveals where we've placed our identity. Most leaders have a tendency to declare their high status, their value, their identity with worldly luxury, to make sure that everyone knows they're in charge!

***Do YOU boast in yourself? Is your identity wrapped up in your position as a leader?***

Sadly, we live in an identity-addicted society. We strive to put our worldly idols on display so that everyone knows who we are. We're told to accentuate our best features, get what we want out of life, stand up for and express ourselves. Social media is often the megaphone we use to herald our personal identity and covertly brag about our smarts, politics, sports, relationships, family, insecurities, experiences, and possessions.

On the other hand, representing Jesus, as a servant leader, means we live humble and modest lives. We're supposed to proclaim what is proper, just like the Psalmist declared in **Psalms 115:1**, "Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." Our true glory is only uncovered as we shout with joy about God, so good leaders need to have modesty in abundance. A modest leader should accept criticism and understand their limits. As a servant leader, it is important to motivate, step back and not to be a 'know-it-all', but listen to and trust others. This is precisely the definition of modesty, which is characterized by Jesus.

Today's teaching is so critical to the rest of the study, as each session creates the foundational thinking for future sessions. As you accept the areas in your life where you need to make some adjustments (even radical changes), you will be living a new life of love, modesty and true integrity, where you will be a much more effective leader.

***If you are bold enough to change, God will bless your efforts throughout this study!***

### ***Small Group Discussion: 20 minutes***

- What does modesty mean for you?
- Have you been led by a leader who focuses on modesty? How did that make you feel?
- How do you display modesty as a leader?
- How well do you receive criticism?
- How do think those you lead identify you? What words would they use? Discuss.
- Give some examples of people that model modesty in your sphere of influence and how they affect you.

### ***Small Group Wrap-Up: 10 minutes***

- What were the biggest take-aways and action items from your small group time?

### ***Discuss This Week's Homework: 5 minutes***

# SESSION #4

## WK. 4 DEVO 1

### **Read Proverbs 16**

*Journal about being humble and NOT arrogant to model or demonstrate Christ's interests*

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# SESSION #4

## WK. 4 DEVO 2

### **Read Romans 12**

*Journal about showing humble love and modesty.*

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# SESSION #4

## WK. 4 DEVO 3

### **Read Acts 2:14-40**

Review verse 38 and journal about what it means to you.

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# SESSION #4

## WK. 4 DEVO 4

### **Read Psalm 115**

*Reflect on representing Jesus, as a servant leader, living humble and modest lives.*

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# **SESSION 5: WILLINGNESS TO GROW WITH INTEGRITY**

*Welcome & Review Last Week's Homework/LIFE Starters: 15 minutes*

*Session #5 Teaching: Willingness to Grow with Integrity: 10 minutes*

There are many Biblical practices that help you grow spiritually, such as consistent exposure to God's Word through personal study and listening to preaching. We need to worship corporately and pray regularly. **But is this enough?** Is the Christian life like a spiritual checklist? What happens to our consistencies when we face new challenges? What happens to our morning prayer time when we have an infant who wakes at 5 AM every morning? How do we learn to love a new coworker who seems to be so different from the person they replaced? How do we adjust to constant new circumstances?

Sadly, many Christians leaders want to make the spiritual life a simple, step-by-step process. We live in a culture obsessed with quick fixes and instant gratification, and this obsession can easily affect the way we approach the spiritual life. But when we reflect on our growth in the Christian life, we recognize that growth in **integrity rarely comes quickly or painlessly**. Rather, God works in us over extended periods of time and through diverse circumstances. Each season provides new challenges and new resources for growth in integrity. Consider, for example, the apostle Paul's experience in learning contentment. He claimed he had learned to be content "in any and every situation" (**Philippians 4:11-12**). In order to fully develop contentment, he had to learn how to be content in seasons when he had plenty, as well as in seasons when he had little. Each of these seasons provided unique challenges and unique opportunities for growth. Though it may be possible for us to learn the virtue of contentment through experience in only one season of life, it develops more fully when learned in a variety of circumstances. When we apply this principle to the whole of our pursuit of Biblical integrity, we realize that God constantly uses new life circumstances to develop Biblical leadership qualities in us while giving us a more complete image of Christ. In the many seasons of life, we will inevitably see times when we struggle in some area of our faith, even an area that we had previously considered a strength. This often occurs when we face an entirely new set of circumstances and we feel like we are starting all over again. Embrace the season of change and don't let the enemy make you think you are on a downward trajectory of FAILURE! Keep the perspective that any "failure" leads to success. You need to fail to WIN and be vulnerable enough as a leader to fail FORWARD, being open about your journey! Dealing with failure requires a consistent experience of God's forgiveness and the perseverance to press on. Obviously, failure is not God's desire for us, but He uses new circumstances, including failure, to develop our godly character. According to a new survey of Christian adults conducted by the Barna Group in conjunction with Brad Lomenick, president of the Catalyst conference, the primary answer is "integrity." More than half (64%) of Christians say integrity is one of the most important traits a leader must have and authenticity (40% listed this as a vital characteristic) and discipline (38%) are the next two.

Also, according to Barna, 82% of Christians believe the United States is facing a crisis of leadership because there aren't enough leaders. Much of what we have covered in this Leaders for Life Study are the areas that need improvement. Evangelical leaders are most similar to the broader Christian market in terms of their aspirations to improve as leaders: they want to grow in **courage** (27%), followed by a desire to **grow in terms of discipline** (17%), **vision** (15%) and **passion for God** (13%). God has us on a leadership journey to transform our entire lives from how we are at our initial salvation to a life marked by Christian maturity. If we expect to learn to live out godly character the way we learn concepts in a book, we foolishly ignore the crucial Truth that the fruit of the Spirit must develop over time in ALL our various life circumstances. By His grace, God works in us throughout the seasons of our lives, in successes and failures, teaching us crucial lessons about ourselves and about Himself, conforming us to the image of His Son.

***Throughout our lives, to become the best servant leaders, we must:***

***1. Remain alert to the temptations that play into our weaknesses.***

***2. Experience grace in Christ when we fail.***

***3. Maintain the attitude of a diligent learner, so that the Lord may continue to mold us into His image for the rest of our lives.***

### ***Small Group Discussion: 20 minutes***

- Do YOU live your Christian life like a spiritual checklist? What happens to your consistencies when you face new challenges? What happens to your morning prayer time when new circumstances come up in your life? How do we adjust to constant new circumstances?
- Share a time when living out YOUR integrity cause a delay or pain in your life.
- How would you describe the season of life you are in right now? What unique opportunities for growth does this season provide?
- Of the following 3 disciplines, what area is the biggest challenge for YOU?
  1. Remain alert to the temptations that play into our weaknesses.
  2. Experience grace in Christ when we fail.
  3. Maintain the attitude of a diligent learner, so that the Lord may continue to mold us into His image for the rest of our lives.

### ***Small Group Wrap-Up: 10 minutes***

- What were the biggest take-aways and action items from your small group time?

### ***Discuss This Week's Homework: 5 minutes***

# SESSION #5

## WK. 5 DEVO 1

### **Read 2 Samuel 22:26-30**

*God demands our loyalty. He seeks people who put Him first above everything and everyone else in their life.*

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# SESSION #5

## WK. 5 DEVO 2

### **Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-20**

*One of the rewards of integrity is pleasing the heart of God. We show our love to God through obedience!*

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# SESSION #5

## WK. 5 DEVO 3

### **Read Job 2**

*God singled out Job as an ideal example of a man of integrity. The Lord cherishes followers like Job who choose him and stick with him no matter what.*

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# SESSION #5

## WK. 5 DEVO 4

### **Read Psalm 25**

*Integrity should be the hallmark of a Christian. Temptation is all around, but God is our rescuer and refuge. We can depend on God to be victorious in this life.*

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# SESSION 6: THE THREE C'S

*Welcome & Review Last Week's Homework/LIFE Starters: 15 minutes*

*Session #6 Teaching: Calm, Courage and Consistency: 10 minutes*

As you consider our last session and your willingness to GROW spiritually and make sure that growth has a foundation of integrity, some of the most practical servant leadership traits are to **stay calm, have courage and always be consistent!**

When leading, reacting with calming-the-storm words in tense situations is truly foundational! Servant leaders recognize the power of words and speak with words that people can understand, words that build self-esteem, words that calm the storm, and they do it in as few and simple words as possible. Leaders also need courage. Staying on mission takes courage. Making tough decisions no one will understand at the time takes courage.

Doing what is right, every time, when those around you are trying to find an easy way out takes courage. Living your values on a moment-to-moment basis takes courage. Not allowing anyone or anything to change who you are even in those pressure moments takes courage. Lastly, when it comes to leadership of any kind, consistency is a vital component of success. People are drawn to consistency, but it takes time to demonstrate real and effective consistency in leadership.

Peter had to learn the three C's the hard way (see Luke 22). Some might say Peter was the brash disciple; he rushed in with answers and jumped out of a boat. Peter made big statements. He pledged with great boldness that he was ready to go anywhere with his friend and mentor, Jesus, even to death. But in the moment depicted in Luke 22, Peter denied not once, **but three times that he even knew Jesus.**

**Thankfully, Peter's lack in one moment did not dictate his future.** Peter needed to learn how to be a leader, and soon realized the need for the three C's. Staying on mission takes a calm, consistent courage. Making tough decisions no one will understand, doing what is right, every time, when those around you are trying to find an easy way out. Living your values on a moment-to-moment basis and not allowing anyone or anything to change who you are even in those pressure moments.

Peter redeemed himself in the book of Acts as he stood and courageously proclaimed the message of Jesus. In this moment, Peter (the same Peter who denied Jesus to a servant girl) is speaking to thousands of the religious power group and he blatantly accuses them of killing Jesus. He reminds them that, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12). Very risky and courageous words to say to this group! They were stunned by his boldness' and calm in face of calamity and constant display of courage. What follows next in the story is amazing, too. After being beaten and threatened several times, Peter and John return to their home team. They reported everything that had happened, and they directed the people's attention to what God had done, because it was not about them. One leader, transformed by God and filled with the three C's, created a new culture of unity, love and generosity.

**One cowardly moment doesn't dictate our future.** Whether you are on mission in a bank, an auto repair shop, a school, an investment company, or a church, you have the opportunity every day to lead with the three C's. You can choose to make decisions personally and corporately that will be in alignment with your faith and values or not. The three C's come through a God-centered perspective and focus. When you live a calm, courageous and consistent life, all those around you will recognize God's transformation in you and be drawn to the One who will transform them and their culture.

### ***Small Group Discussion: 20 minutes***

•What would cause YOU to fold in the midst of trouble? Some say Peter had a lack of faith, but I don't think he lost his faith; he lost his calm courage and chose NOT to be consistent!

•Have you ever had a really bad moment like Peter? A moment when you let yourself down and others who depended on you? A moment when you were not your best self? A moment that would embarrass you if others knew? Be honest and real and discuss how you may have blown it in the past.

•Discuss what you can learn from Peter's story?

1. One cowardly moment doesn't dictate our future.
2. Moments when we are not our best selves can be redeemed by love.
3. Knowledge comes through personal experience.
4. Risks are not so much a risk when you know whose you are and who you are.
5. Hanging out with Jesus empowers you with God-given calm, courage consistency to accomplish His purposes
6. Leaders who live out the three C's will impact their families, organizations and all those in their spheres of influence.

### ***Small Group Wrap-Up: 10 minutes***

•What were the biggest take-aways and action items from your small group time?

### ***Discuss This Week's Homework: 5 minutes***

# SESSION #6

## WK. 6 DEVO 1

Read [Luke 22:54-62](#)

Journal about your consistency in following Jesus.

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# SESSION #6

## WK. 6 DEVO 2

### Read Philippians 4:1-9

Journal about worry and how that might effect your leadership. Can YOU choose to be more calm?

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# SESSION #6

## WK. 6 DEVO 3

### **Read Joshua 1**

*As you read about Joshua, journal about ways you can step up and be more courageous.*

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# SESSION #6

WK. 6 DEVO 4

## **Read Galatians 6**

*Journal about how you can become more consistent in your leadership and modeling of Christ.*

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# SESSION 7: FOLLOWING GOD'S WILL

*Welcome & Review Last Week's Homework/LIFE Starters: 15 minutes*

*Session #7 Teaching: What is God's calling for your life as a leader?: 10 minutes*

This is a question many Christian leaders want to know but have no clue where to start to find the answer. We are drawn to the idea of knowing and pursuing our calling. That's why so many of us want to know that we're on the right path. The Bible offers great insight into God's plan and will for His people. The plan God has for your life can only be accomplished when we give the best of our time, efforts, gifts and focus to our specific task. God brings out the best in us when we give Him our best. In 1 Timothy 6:12, the Bible tells us, "Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses." Just as Timothy was focused and committed to God's call, and not distracted or distracted by those around him, we too should model this in our own lives. As you grow as a Christian leader, in your relationship with Christ and separate yourself from the distractions that hold you back from being related to Him, **it's only natural that you will want to give God your best.**

This process starts by really KNOWING HIM! If you are unclear about WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST, you may want to consider taking our Identity for Life study to really understand His love and purpose for your life. Ultimately, your purpose as a believer is to build the Kingdom of God. Your role in His Kingdom will require your natural gifts and talents. This will empower you to live a greater life in Christ. There's no way you can follow God's purpose in your life if you don't know who you are in Christ. Allow the Holy Spirit to dwell in you and draw you closer to Jesus. The Bible tells us that we will receive the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus and the eyes of understanding will be enlightened (Ephesians 1:17-18).

If we want to follow God's lead as you lead others, one of the most important things we have to do is trust God's judgment. In Proverbs 3:5-6, the Bible tells us, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Trusting God needs to be the first stepping stone on your faith journey. God had a plan for you before you were even born and His plans will always be greater and more beautiful than all your disappointments. We can follow His plan by believing that He has everything in control and that His dominion will guide us exactly where He wants us to go.

As a leader, you MUST continue to develop your OWN God-given talents AND develop those of your followers as well. These gifts will enable us through our lives and allow us to bless others. If we want to fulfill our calling, we must develop our God-given ability. In 2 Timothy 1:6-7, Paul told Timothy to "fan into the flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit of God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." Allow the Holy Spirit to work through you; praying that you will be enabled to do works that will glorify God without fear and according to His plan for us. The Bible very clearly says that the sons of God are led by the Holy Spirit in this life. Romans 8:14 says, "For all those who are led by God's spirit, these are God's sons." This is the most important verse. One of the greatest gifts God offers us is the privilege of being led by the Spirit of God.

Many people wonder how they are led by the Holy Spirit and how does the Holy Spirit communicate to all of us in this life? As children of God, we can expect to be led by the Holy Spirit which will provide us with the wisdom of God to make the right decisions and lead others well. Our ability to tap into our calling and the calling of those we lead is much easier when we make decisions based on the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit.

It is a constant struggle to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, and to not become distracted by the passing concerns and things of this world. But if we are aware of what can, and does, interfere with our walks with God, we can begin to take the necessary actions to prevent them. In 1 Chronicles 16:11, the Bible tells us, "Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually." Prayerfully seek God and ask Him to discern His calling for your life. Ask Him to give you faith and courage to follow Him wherever He leads you and then lead others well. This will enable you to follow God's greater call and better advance His kingdom on earth while also helping you lead others to do the same!

### ***Small Group Discussion: 20 minutes***

- Reread 1 Timothy 6:12 and how Timothy was focused and committed to God's call, and not distracted or distracted by those around him. Discuss how you should model this in your own lives.
- Do you have confidence in who YOU are in Christ? Do you understand your God-given gifts? What about the God-given gifts of those you lead?
- Are YOU modeling Proverbs 3:5-6 and trusting God? How do you model this?
- Are you being led by the Holy Spirit? Discuss specific examples of how you made decisions in your life that were prompted by the Holy Spirit.
- Now, rethink and discuss God's calling for your life.

### ***Small Group Wrap-Up: 10 minutes***

- What were the biggest take-aways and action items from your small group time?

### ***Discuss This Week's Homework: 5 minutes***

- Review the tips on the next page and discuss what new strategies can be implemented.
- Focus on the LIFE Journaling Method and it will give you more insights on how to be more patient. Review these practical tips on how to maintain more patience with your family. Bible Verses about God's Will
- God's Will about How to Be
- Be saved: "This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:3-4)

- Be Loving: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (John 13:34)
- Be Transformed: "Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:1-2)
- Be Sanctified (set apart): "For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion." (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5a)
- Be thankful: "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

# SESSION #7

## WK. 7 DEVO 1

### **Read 1 Timothy 6:11-21**

*Journal about God's challenge to Timothy to fight the good fight of faith. How does that apply to you?*

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# SESSION #7

## WK. 7 DEVO 2

### Read Ephesians 1:15-23

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# SESSION #7

## WK. 7 DEVO 3

### Read Proverbs 3:1-10

*If we want to follow God's lead as you lead others, one of the most important things we have to do is trust God's judgment. Are YOU trusting Him?*

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# SESSION #7

## WK. 7 DEVO 4

### **Read Galatians 6**

*Journal about how you can become more consistent in your leadership and modeling of Christ.*

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# **SESSION 8: BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL LIFE**

*Welcome & Review Last Week's Homework/LIFE Starters: 15 minutes*

*Session #8 Teaching: How do I apply leadership in my professional life?: 15 minutes*

**You can do it! You CAN bring Jesus to work!**

In John 10:11, the Bible says, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." Good **leaders** must never forget they are servants who understand Jesus gave His life for His flock. You, too, must serve **at work** and never forget you are there to look out for your "flock" and serve others. Jesus submitted his own life to sacrificial service (Luke 22:42), and He sacrificed His life freely out of service for others (John 10:30). He came to serve (Matthew 20:28), although He was God's Son and was more powerful than any other leader in the world. He healed the sick (Mark 7:31-37), drove out demons (Mark 5:1-20), was recognized as Teacher and Lord (John 13:13), and had power over the wind and the sea and even over death (Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 9:18-26). As His followers and Christian leaders, **WE have the same calling on our life**. As a Christian business leader, you may read the info about and struggle with how to be an effective leader like Jesus, holding true to Christian values. Regardless if you supervise a few in your family or hundreds in your company, it is possible to be an effective leader and perform your job in a way that would make Christ proud, without being overly critical, condescending or authoritarian. Christian leadership qualities can be exhibited at work, at home, at church, at play and in your community. By following Christ's teachings in the workplace, you will accomplish the responsibilities and goals of your job while, at the same time, serving as a role model to other Christians who you lead.

You may be under a microscope at work and feel there is **NO way you can share your Christian values** as a corporate leader, but there IS a way! **Be a GREAT MODEL for Christ!** 1 Peter 5:1-3 tells us, "To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock." Be a role model to those you lead, so they will behave and work as your example has shown. Do not lead for dishonest gain or to promote your status over your underlings. As we have taught over and over again in this study, serve others because you want to not because you have to and be an example to your staff.

**Treat your work as a calling, NOT just a job!** Many people discuss job or career in terms of "calling" — it's prevalent in much of the writing and conversations surrounding the topic of leadership. Particularly among Christians, one's occupation is often talked about in relation to God's "calling." And yet, only about one-third of Christians (34%) feel called to the work they currently do.

It's illuminating to learn how few Christians believe they're called to do what they do. This data presents a challenge to the popular Christian understanding of career as calling since most Christians in the U.S. don't seem to be thinking about their jobs in terms of calling. Most of the data suggests the concept of calling is not on their radar. If people don't feel as if they're being called to their job, does that really matter to the quality of the work they do or the lives they maintain?

Let's follow the trend of the younger generation of leaders who desire to see their careers as a calling—and **stop the disconnect between career and calling**. Let's be intentional to spend more time with God to understand HIS purpose for our lives, so we can connect our faith more holistically with our life!

**Stop compartmentalizing faith, life and work and be a true LEADER for LIFE!**

### ***Small Group Discussion: 15 minutes***

- Do you struggle being overly critical, condescending or act as an authoritarian leader?
- Reread Peter 5:1-3 and talk about how you can improve your "modeling" of the leadership qualities we've covered in this study, both at HOME AND WORK!
- Do YOU treat your work as a calling , or just a job? Why or why not?
- Do you compartmentalize faith, life and work ? Are YOU willing to connect your faith more holistically with your life?

### ***Small Group Wrap-Up: 10 minutes***

- What were the biggest take-aways and action items from your small group time?

### ***Discuss This Week's Homework: 5 minutes***

# SESSION #8

## WK. 8 DEVO 1

### **Read Colossians 3:1-17**

*Are YOU doing EVERYTHING in the name of Jesus Christ?*

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# SESSION #8

## WK. 8 DEVO 2

### **Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-10**

*Your gifts are God-given. Are you using them for Him?*

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# SESSION #8

## WK. 8 DEVO 3

### **Read Colossians 3:18-25**

God's gifts are given for use in all areas of YOUR life, including in the workplace. These gifts and skills provide an element of guidance for discerning God's guidance.

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# SESSION #8

## WK. 8 DEVO 4

### **Read 1 Peter 5**

*You may be under a microscope at work and feel there is NO way you can share your Christian values as a corporate leader, but there IS a way! Be a GREAT MODEL for Christ!*

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# SESSION 9: WHAT NOW?

*Welcome & Review Last Week's Homework/LIFE Starters: 15 minutes*

*Session #9 Teaching: What's God's leadership plan for my future? 15 minutes*

So, we have a lot of teaching about **servant leadership** and what it means to be a **Leader for Life!** I hope this study has evoked new strategies in your life to allow you to live, love and **LEAD** like Jesus! We started this study with WHY it is so important to model Jesus' leadership characteristics and then went into what the Bible says about that WHY. Today, we end this study with the practical HOW...**HOW do YOU become a Leader for Life?**

**Here are a some practical steps to help you develop the skills needed to be a servant leader.**

1. **Lead by example.** A servant leader should always be someone who leads their family and team by example. As a servant leader, you should be willing to do anything you ask others to do. Nike said it best... **JUST DO IT!** Choose one of the options below and start serving today!

2. **Show (and tell) people why they are important.** When those you lead feel that what they do is important to, they feel more fulfilled and empowered to become servant leaders themselves.

3. **Encourage collaboration and engagement.** Servant leaders open their hearts and their **EARS** by allowing those they lead to have their voices heard. When you take steps to encourage those you lead, it shows them you care about what they have to say and appreciate their contributions.

4. **Help those you lead grow and develop.** Servant leaders don't only focus on being great leaders themselves, they are also interested in helping others become great leaders. Encourage those you lead to grow spiritually, and professionally.

5. **Ask for feedback.** This is something most leaders don't do. But as servant leaders, we should always be looking for how we can improve our own leadership. Regularly ask for feedback from people who don't naturally provide it.

**Consider some (or ALL) of these next steps:**

1. **Continue your Leaders for Life Journey with another study.** Leaders for Life is NOT just meant to be a class at PBC, but a movement of developing leaders to lead leaders. That is what discipleship is all about and God calls us to continue to grow with him and others. Consider staying involved and learn more about the Leaders for Life Team. **Consider LEADING your OWN Leaders for Life Group!**

2. **Attend the next monthly Growth Track at PBC.** God has an incredible purpose for your life, and Growth Track is designed to help you connect with that purpose. PBC's Growth Track is a one-evening session covering four steps that equip you to follow Jesus, connect at church, discover your purpose, and serve others.

3. Join Team Life at PBC. Team Life is a group of incredible people that have discovered their gifts and passions and are actively serving in them. From creating a comfortable environment by serving on a Host Team, to leading the next generation to Jesus by serving on a Children's or Student Ministry Team, to crafting a dynamic experience with the Worship Team, to tearing down barriers across our city by leading a Small Group or partnering with the Growth Track Team—we are a group that forcefully advances the Kingdom of God. **Take the next step in joining Team Life by getting started on the Growth Track. Growth Track is designed to equip you to live life as a fully-devoted follower of Christ—from learning the essentials of our faith to discovering and fulfilling your God-given purpose.**

4. **Serve at Tree of Life Ministries.** Tree of Life Ministries' mission is to reach out to the poor and needy in our community with the love of Jesus Christ! In 2008, PBC committed to set aside 10% of all annual giving to meet the needs of the poor in their western Loudoun community. From there, the Tree of Life Ministries was born. Our own hope is to rally the Christian community to fulfill their longings, while constantly affirming that the source of abundant life...**Jesus Christ.**

5. **Create your OWN serving initiatives.** As we taught in this study, God has a special calling on YOUR life... YES, your OWN special God-breathed DNA...So, if you want to lead your own God-given initiative and want your Leaders for Life team to come along side you, we'd love to pray with you and support you in any way we can!

### **Small Group Discussion: 15 minutes**

- So as you reflect on this study, how do you compare to the leadership role model of Jesus? Are you more drawn to the higher purpose of serving God? Are you focused on those who follow you (remember we are ALL leaders) achieving their full potential for the Kingdom? It requires a conscious decision to become a servant of a higher purpose and of others.
- Of the 5-practical steps, where do you need the most work? Why? Discuss a strategy to improve.
- When you consider the optional "next steps," what excites you to continue this journey?
- Adjust as needed and redefine your goals and expectations often.

### **Small Group Wrap-Up: How can this study be improved?: 15 minutes**

- What are the top THREE takeaways from this study?
- What about this study could be improved to have MORE IMPACT?
- Was the LIFE Method of Journalling helpful and did you actually do it? Why or why not?
- Would you refer others for this class? Why or why not?
- Are you ready to participate in the NEXT LIFE Study?



***Discuss This Week's Homework: 5 minutes***

- Write out a testimony about how this class changed your parenting.
- Shoot a short 2-minute testimony video if you feel led.
- Fill out the assessment forms (emailed tomorrow).
- Consider your involvement in the next semester classes (also emailed).

***Please take the time to give us feedback, as we want to improve these classes and have the biggest impact for God's Kingdom and generations to come!***