

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!