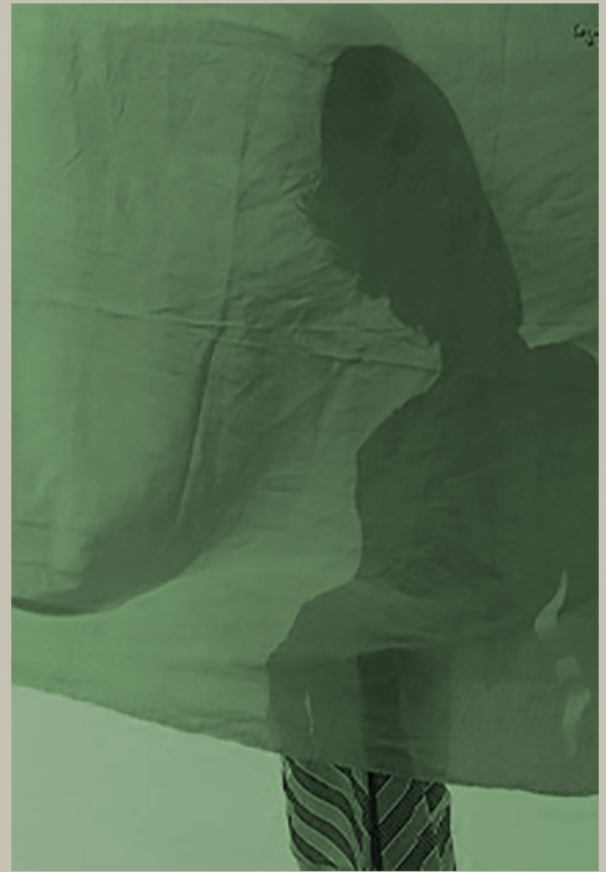


Looking For A Leader



FALL 23'



LOOKING FOR A LEADER

PRAY over the space, each heart, and for Jesus to show up

SET THE TABLE clean, have a snack out, soft worship music on

CHECK TECH ensure you have a place setup to play the video to the group

DEVO read Looking For A Leader devo

SEND DETAILS text everyone letting them know time, location, and parking

WELCOME by name at door

PRAY with group over convo

PLAY quick fun question

“WHO ARE YOU WITH?” ©

My parents would always tell me, “show me your 5 closest friends, and I’ll show you your future.” Who do you have in your life that gives you advice? When you’re going through a hard time, who are the people that you’ll call first? When we read in 1 Samuel 9, we see that Saul wanted to turn around and go home because they were unable to find the donkeys. But it was his servant that encouraged him to keep looking. Do you have people in your life that encourage you to move forward when you want to quit? Or do you have people in your life that are willing to go as far as giving up their time and possessions to see a friend’s dream come true? Do you have people in your life for whom you are willing to make those types of sacrifices?

As we walk through this series together, we pray that the people who are in your life will be the right people that will encourage you, support you, pray with you, challenge you, and equip you to continue to become everything God has called you to do. Take some time to pray over the community in your life!

Question 1: Have you ever felt that you’ve missed out on a dream because of the people that were around you at that time?

Question 2: Do you sometimes feel like you can never find “your people?” Why?

Question 3: What are some action items that you can do today to maintain a strong, healthy community?

PRAYER:

Father, we thank you for our community. We thank you for the group of people that you’ve brought together for this series. As we continue on with our week, we pray that you would help us to be a strength and a light to the people you’ve placed in our lives. We pray that we would grow together, encourage each other, and become everything that God has called us to be. It is in Your name we pray, Amen.

“By Grace Through Faith”

How do we step into the grace of God and live a holy and righteous life? We need a radical transformation. Not out of selfish ambition. Not with a heart of pride. But from a place of humility, sacrifice, and surrender. When we lay ourselves down and allow God to move, we are able to operate in the grace that God graciously extended to us. We are given the chance to be a bridge of grace to the ones who have yet to know the love and grace of the Father.

Even when we feel like we are too far gone, we can hold onto the scriptures above that tell us how we are never too distant for God to save us by His grace. He came freely and willingly so that we could have the free gift of a relationship with God the Father, the Creator of heaven and earth, and the One who knit us together before anyone knew our name.

What He did for me and for you was and is enough to free us from all that we feel bound to! We are no longer bound to being held back by the sin of our past or even the mistakes that we’ve made. We have His grace that makes us perfect. We cannot earn this grace, but thank God that we cannot lose it!

Question 1: How can I show grace to someone this week? (Colossians 3:13)

Question 2: Where can I refocus my hope this week? (Psalm 62:1-2)

Question 3: What area of your life do you need to let God into so that His grace can take you from enslaved to being free? (Romans 6:22)

PRAYER:

God, we thank you for the free gift of grace that you have given us through your Son Jesus. We thank you that you did not leave us in our sins but chose to extend your love to us through salvation. We ask that you would show us new ways to walk out your grace in our lives. Help us to walk in faith and grace each day as we remind ourselves of the sacrifice you made for us by your son, Jesus. Help us to be imitators of your grace and your love as we go into this week. It is in Your name we pray, Amen.

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Week 02 Looking For A Leader
SC '23 Loved, Valued & Believed in

01

Share a personal experience where you witnessed a leader make a small gesture or sacrifice that had a significant positive impact on a group or organization. How did that influence your perception of leadership?

02

How can leaders ensure that their contributions, no matter how small, benefit the larger group?

“ONLY ONE GAVE, EVERYONE ATE”

When we read the story about a young boy's offering in John 6, this young boy's meal becomes the catalyst for a miracle, feeding thousands of people. This story encapsulates a profound leadership lesson: the power of selfless contribution.

Leaders often find themselves in situations where resources are limited, and the demands are vast. However, true leadership isn't about the abundance, titles, or status. True leadership is about the ability to maximize what's available. The boy's act wasn't just about giving, but trusting in a power greater than himself, Jesus Christ, to multiply his offering.

Similarly, effective leaders recognize that their individual contributions, when made with genuine intent and coupled with collaboration in community, can yield results far beyond expectations. In a world where leaders often struggle with the pressure to have all the answers, this story serves as a reminder that sometimes, leadership is simply about bringing what we have to the table and putting our faith and trust in the Lord to amplify it.

PRAYER:

God, we thank you for your provision. We thank you that in every season of our lives, you prove yourself to be faithful to your children time and time again. Today we pray that whatever we have to offer, may you multiply it so that our time, our finances, and our gifts would be a blessing to our community. We pray that you would take out any pride and selfishness that we may have and give us a spirit of generosity. It is in Your name we pray, Amen.

03

In the context of leadership, how does the act of one (the boy) influence and benefit many (the crowd)? How can leaders today emulate this selfless act in their roles?

“Who Gets The Glory?”



In Exodus 32:1-4, the Israelites, in Moses' absence, built a golden calf as an idol for worship. In every season, every win, and every decision, leaders must ask themselves: "Who truly gets the glory?" If we as leaders continue to surrender our heart and our minds to the Lord, we will be able to foster a culture of gratitude, humility, and purpose-driven direction where the Lord receives all the glory.

Because the Israelites made it out of exile, people told themselves they had it all together and went with what they knew vs. the direction God told them to go. It shows how humanity's desire to worship what is in front of them often supersedes any reverence towards Jesus and how He desires to work on our behalf at ALL times.

As leaders in any environment, there is a critical importance of discernment in leadership and decision-making. In our roles, whether personal or professional, it's imperative to recognize and attribute successes and breakthroughs to their rightful sources. The narrative serves as a reminder that temporary achievements or materials should never surpass the overarching divine guidance, providence, and power of Jesus.

Question 1: How do you check your heart to make sure that God receives all the glory?

Question 2: What do you do to stay in alignment with giving God all the glory?

Question 3: How can you challenge your community to continue to give God glory?

PRAYER:

Jesus, as we come before you, we pray that you would take away our ego and help us remember that you receive all the glory. In every season of our lives, may our prayer always be that Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ alone receives all glory, all honor, and all praise. Thank you for letting this group of people come together to study and grow into the Christ-like leaders that you have called us to be. Thank you for this church, our pastors, and our community that will continue to help us become everything you've called us to be. It is in Your name we pray, Amen.