



LEADERS FOLLOW JESUS

Mentee Module

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GREETINGS!

Welcome to LEADERS FOLLOW JESUS. We trust this will be a life-changing experience as you grow to be more like Jesus in the way you serve. It is part of a process to take you and the others in your Mentor Group into the heart of what Jesus wants from those who lead in His Kingdom.

This is the resource module for both Mentees and Mentors to use as a guide for the Mentor Group experience. As you prepare for each session, you will glean new understanding of what it means to lead like Jesus. Then as you discuss the session, the Spirit will have opportunity to shape you more into the image of Jesus in the way you lead and how you treat people. You will be challenged by what others in your Mentor Group are seeing and learning from the Spirit as well.

Our heart is that you will grow to lead like Him and to develop others who will do the same.

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INTRODUCTION

This module, LEADERS FOLLOW JESUS, serves as one of the introductory modules for the MentorLink series. This series of five additional modules builds leaders who conform to Jesus in heart, character, and ministry leadership through the mentoring process, equipping them to develop other leaders who do the same.

WHO IS THIS MODULE FOR?

It all comes down to following Jesus. This heart and passion belongs to all leaders in His Kingdom. Whether you are new or an experienced leader in His Kingdom, this module will provide an opportunity to look simply at Jesus' leadership and how to conform your leadership practices to His.

This module is for those who are serious about living and leading according to the principles of Kingdom leadership given by Jesus and applied in the early church. It is suitable for men and women who are marketplace leaders, denomination leaders, NGO leaders, ministry organizational leaders, church leaders, Bible study leaders, house church leaders, compassion ministry leaders, and anyone who wants to learn how to lead in the pattern of Jesus and how to mentor others for Kingdom work and leadership.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Jesus said that many leadership practices are common and acceptable – the world's way of doing business and getting things done... "but it shall not be so among you" (Mark 10:42-45). Leadership in His kingdom is vastly different. It is a distinctive way of viewing yourself as a leader and how you impact and invest in others for His sake.

Here are some of the goals and benefits of participating in the Leaders Follow Jesus module:

1. You will grow in your sensitivity and discernment for the motivation, attitudes and practices that have eternal value and that bear lasting fruit in Christ's kingdom.
2. With the Holy Spirit as your ultimate guide, you will personally develop in Christ-centered leadership as you examine at how Jesus lead, interacting with a facilitating mentor and the members of your mentor group.
3. You will receive help in investing in others in practical ways so that they may lead like Jesus.

WHAT IS RECOMMENDED?

It is recommended that mentees participate in a mentor group of 3-6 developing leaders facilitated by a mentor who will guide the process. This is not a Bible study – as such, it is not a body of material or content to be mastered. It is an experiential process that works best in the context of a group.

Mentor Group Meetings:

1. We recommend that the Mentor Group meet for weekly sessions for consecutive weeks.
2. We recommend that each session last for at least 1½ hours.

Two guidelines:

1. It is expected that each participant complete the preparation prior to the actual Mentor Group session.
2. If someone misses the Mentor Group twice, we recommend that they drop out for the rest of that module.

Distance Mentor Groups:

1. The ideal Mentor Group meets face-to-face.
2. However, for security, financial or logistical reasons, Mentor Group members may not be able to meet face-to-face. In our orientation material, we provide suggestions for distance mentoring, such as using potentially free services like Skype.

WHAT IS OUR VISION FOR EACH MENTOR GROUP MEMBER?

This module and the entire MentorLink series is designed to help us grow as Christ-centered leaders and treat others in a way that honors His work in their lives, builds them up in grace, and releases them to follow Him. This module will also provide a practical way, through the Mentor Group process, for a mentee to “Pass It On” to others. This will happen quickly for some. Others will grow to mentor others to “Pass It On” at a slower pace.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

We do not charge for the materials. Your mentor will not charge for his or her time. But there are real costs. Dying to self to grow in Christ is costly. Your time is costly. Some will choose to be part of a “Distance Mentor Group”. Many in the Distance Mentor Group will have Skype or another free telephone service. But some in Distance Mentor Groups will not have Skype or even reliable internet service. Your mentor may have to call you on your cell phone to connect.

Perhaps you will have a face-to-face mentor group. Great. This is the ideal. Still there may be costs in traveling to a location where your group can meet—perhaps on the other side of the city or a neighboring town.

HOW SHOULD THESE MODULES BE USED?

Jesus modeled developing leaders in the context of what we call a mentoring group. Each module is designed to be used in the context of a Mentor Group. As you process what God is doing in your heart through this module and hear what He is doing with others in your group, you will be encouraged, supported, and challenged to become a Christ-centered leader. This module does not reflect content to be mastered intellectually, but rather embraced in your heart, life, and leadership. The goal is to change hearts in leaders becoming more like Jesus.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

If you received this as material from someone, please register on the MentorLink web site. This will allow us the opportunity to better serve you with resources to help you find a mentor group and connect you to a mentor. Also we will forward additional mentoring resources to you via e-mail. Register at www.MentorLink.org under MentorLink Institute.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE FACILITATING MENTOR?

The mentor is neither an expert nor a teacher. He or she is merely a facilitator of the Mentor Group process. The mentor will have a discussion guide that allows freedom in directing the group's discussion. Both mentor and mentees will learn and grow together.

OVERVIEW: Leaders Follow Jesus

In This Module You And Your Mentor Group Will . . .

1. Explore the virtues that mark true Christian leadership
2. Exchange insights from your personal experiences
3. Evaluate the expression of these virtues in your own ministry

Responsibilities . . .

1. Complete session assignments before you meet together
2. Meet with your Mentor Group weekly
3. Pray for each other daily

SESSIONS . . .

1. Marks of Effective Christian Leadership
2. Commitment to Building God's Kingdom
3. Commitment to a Grace Environment
4. Commitment to Servant Leadership
5. Commitment to Partnership and Community
6. Commitment to Intentionally Mentoring Leaders

SESSION GOALS

1. Marks of Effective Christian Leadership

The goal of this session is to help each member of your Mentor Group begin to evaluate his or her experiences with Christian leaders and begin to realize that Christ himself sets the standard for effective Christ-centered leadership.

2. Commitment to Building God's Kingdom

The goal of this session is to help each member of your Mentor Group evaluate whether they are focused on building God's kingdom or unintentionally focused on building their own personal kingdom.

3. Commitment to a Grace Environment

The goal of this session is to understand that Christ-centered leaders operate in a grace environment of acceptance and loving accountability rather than an environment marked by control and performance.

4. Commitment to Servant Leadership

The goal of this session is to evaluate critical differences between secular and Christ-centered leadership leading to a personal commitment to minister as a servant—as Jesus did.

5. Commitment to Partnership and Community

The goal of this session is to help each member of your Mentor Group recognize his or her need for teamwork and the giftedness of others to fulfill God's Kingdom goals and to empower others as Christ-centered leaders.

6. Commitment to Intentionally Mentoring Leaders

The goal of this session is to help each member of your Mentor Group commit to a priority of intentionally developing the next generation of Christ-centered leaders.

Marks of Effective Christian Leadership

SESSION GOAL

The goal of this session is to help each member of your Mentor Group begin to evaluate his or her experiences with Christian leaders and begin to realize that Christ himself sets the standard for effective Christ-centered leadership.

- 1** Write down five words that describe the most effective Christian leader **you have ever worked with.**

- 2** Briefly describe your relationship with the most effective Christian leader **you just identified.**

3 How high a priority did your “most effective” leader place on mentoring you and others? Explain.

4 The following “story” depicts what might have been Satan’s reaction as he watched Jesus begin his ministry. Why is Satan puzzled? What does Christ’s action tell us about our Lord’s priorities?

The next morning just before setting out for Galilee, Jesus looked up a man named Philip and told Philip to follow him. Philip then found his brother, Nathaniel. These developments troubled Satan. Apparently the Messiah was already recruiting followers.

Satan asked the demon who brought the report, “Who are these men, this Simon, Andrew, Philip and Nathaniel? When the demon didn’t know, Satan ordered, “Go and find out.”

Before Satan received another report of Jesus’ actions Satan had his answer. All four men were from Lake Galilee, and were fishermen.

“Fishermen!” Satan snorted. “Fishermen! What good are fishermen to a man who wants to be King?”

Surely the Messiah would enlist more important men as his followers. He’d want scribes and priests, men with influence. What did Jesus expect to accomplish by choosing common workingmen?

The next report arrived two days later. Jesus had not returned to Nazareth. Instead he’d continued on with his four followers to Capernaum. He was staying at Simon Peter’s house as a guest.

Most of the time he just wandered along the shore, stopping to speak with fishermen, joking with tradesmen, sitting quietly watching taxmen collect tolls from farmers bringing goods to market and from fishermen transporting their catches to Jerusalem.



Satan couldn't understand it. According to Daniel's prophecy the Messiah had only a few years to win the allegiance of his people. Yet Jesus acted as if he all the time in the world. He acted, Satan realized, as if strengthening his relationship with a few fishermen was all-important. Why in the world was Jesus wasting his time with a few fishermen?

Write down your thoughts here.

Challenge

Discuss together: What has been the impact of the way your "most effective" leader either viewed or failed to view his personal relationship with you as a priority?

Commitment to Building God's Kingdom

SESSION GOAL

The goal of this session is to help each member of your Mentor Group evaluate whether they are focused on building God's Kingdom or unintentionally focused on building their own personal kingdom.

- 1** Before reading on or looking ahead, write a paragraph or two about the legacy you would like to leave behind when you go to meet Jesus.

2 Jesus was intent on building the Kingdom of God. He understood that he must leave behind a specific legacy. Indicate which of the following you believe Jesus intended to leave as his legacy.

LEGACY NOT LEGACY

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| 1. | ___ | ___ | A gigantic building that will hold thousands. |
| 2. | ___ | ___ | A worldwide TV and radio ministry. |
| 3. | ___ | ___ | A core of leaders who share a passion to serve God. |
| 4. | ___ | ___ | A great organization that raises millions of dollars. |
| 5. | ___ | ___ | Individuals who will be response to the Spirit's leading. |
| 6. | ___ | ___ | A theological seminary to train future leaders. |
| 7. | ___ | ___ | Disciples who will disciple others. |
| 8. | ___ | ___ | A distinctive denomination. |
| 9. | ___ | ___ | A people who love God and others despite differences. |

3 Jesus had a strategy for building the Kingdom of God and making sure the legacy he left behind would continue Kingdom-building. Read Mark 3:13-15 [below]. From it and from what you recall of the Gospel accounts, describe Jesus' strategy.

"Jesus went up into the hills and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons."

4

Respond to the following two statements. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

The most powerful evidence that a Christian leader is focused on building God's Kingdom is that he or she places priority on developing the next generation of leaders.

The most important evidence that a leader understands how God's Kingdom operates is that he or she develops personal, mentoring relationships with future leaders.

5

Compare the following. Which contrasts do you think best reveal whether a leader's focus is on building his own kingdom or building God's Kingdom?

A.

or

B.

The leader has no clear idea about the Kingdom of God and its values.

The leader tends to feel that he owns his ministry. It's my church, my ministry, my organization.

The leader wants and needs to be noticed and to look good in others' eyes.

The leader devotes most of his time and energy to building the organization.

The leader is driven to try to meet the expectations of people he is called to serve.

The leader understands the Kingdom of God and is committed to its values.

The leader thinks and talks of the ministry as God's. His sense of worth isn't tied up in its "success."

The leader focuses attention on Christ and consistently gives him the credit, praise, and glory.

The leader spends most of his time and energy on relationships that will build Christ's Kingdom.

The leader educates others and helps them meet God's great Kingdom expectations.

6 Think back to your “most effective” Christian leader. Which traits from question #5 best characterize him or her?

Challenge

Share together: Consider your own ministry—are you more effective at building your own kingdom or God’s Kingdom? What would it take to become more effective at building God’s Kingdom?

Commitment to a Grace Environment

SESSION GOAL

The goal of this session is to understand that Christ-centered leaders operate in a grace environment of acceptance and loving accountability rather than an environment marked by control and performance.

1 Write down five words that describe your father.

2 Read the characteristics of a “control” setting and of a “grace” setting:

A CONTROL SETTING

The leader thinks of God as a taskmaster who is pleased only if we do not fail Him.

The leader seeks transformation by trying harder to please God.

The leader struggles with a sense of guilt or shame.

The leader is proud of his gifts and achievements.

The leader relies on his strengths to minister and lead.

The leader focuses on being fair in his treatment of others.

A GRACE SETTING

The leader relates to God as a loving Father who is committed to Him forever.

The leader seeks transformation in a deeper personal relationship with God.

The leader feels forgiven and deeply loved by his God and Savior.

The leader is humbled by what God is doing through him and his ministry.

The leader understands significant ministry takes place as he leads in weakness and brokenness.

The leader focuses on treating others with the same grace Jesus shows him.

3 Read the following story that Jesus told.

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, "You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.

He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?"

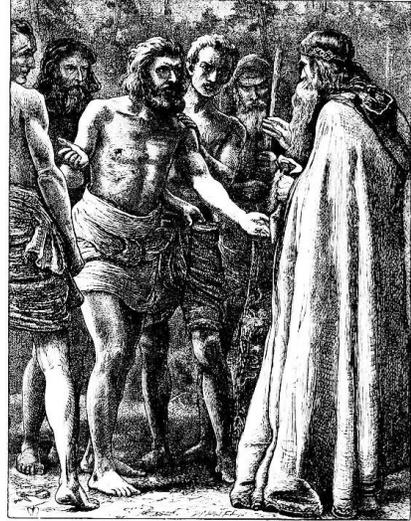
"Because no one has hired us," they answered.

He said to them, "You also go and work in my vineyard."

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first."

The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. "These men who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day."

But he answered one of them, "Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?" – Matthew 20:1-15



NOTE: In the first century, a denarius was a full day's wages for hired labor.

- A. Write down your first reaction to the story.
Were the workers right to be upset? Why or why not?

What indicates that the workers assumed they were serving in a “control” setting? What indicates that the owner was operating in a grace setting?

- B. To what extent should Christian leaders seek to develop a grace setting that everyone working in that organization understands?

4 Look back at the five words you chose to describe your father. Do those words suggest that you grew up in a control setting, or a grace setting? How has the setting in which you grew up affected your behavior as a leader?

5 What Bible stories about Jesus can you think of that illustrate grace? Select one story and write down what Jesus’ actions teach you about grace. How can you apply that lesson as a leader?

Challenge

During this coming week picture yourself as a vineyard worker. Who do you feel most like in your ministry: the workers who complained, or the workers who experienced the vineyard owner's commitment to grace? What can you do in your organization to cultivate a grace environment?

Commitment to Servant Leadership

SESSION GOAL

The goal of this session is to evaluate critical differences between secular and Christ-centered leadership leading to a personal commitment to minister as a servant—as Jesus did.

1 Read the following Bible passage.

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me



'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

– John 13:1-17

How do you think the disciples felt during this experience? What was the important lesson that Jesus intended to teach the twelve and us?

2 There are two basic approaches to leadership. In one, the leader relies on position and organizational authority. We can call this “power-based,” or “secular” leadership. In the other the leader relies on God’s calling and his commitment to serve. We can call this “servant,” or “spiritual” leadership.

Study the following passage:

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."

– Matthew 20:25-28

On the following page make a list of as many comparisons and contrasts between the power based leadership exercised by the “rulers of the Gentiles” and the servant leadership that is to be exercised “with you.”

SECULAR, POWER-BASED LEADERS

SPIRITUAL, SERVANT LEADERS

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3 Beside each statement indicate whether it describes Servant [S] leadership or Power-based [P] leadership.

- 1. In doing ministry I place more importance on the task than on relationships.
- 2. My authority comes from my title in my organization and my job description.
- 3. My authority is earned on the basis of gift, trust, and relationship.
- 4. Success involves equipping and empowering my teammates to accomplish their work.
- 5. I focus on both the task and relationships, knowing I can't do God's work alone.
- 6. I expect credit for the work my group is doing under my direction.
- 7. As the leader I'm responsible to plan and control my team's activities.
- 8. I recognize that God is in control, and that he works through others as well as through me.
- 9. I trust others to make decisions, giving them responsibility while holding them accountable.
- 10. I make sure that everyone in our group knows I'm in charge.
- 11. I expect to be involved in all communications between my staff members.
- 12. In serving Christ and His Kingdom I sometimes must make hard decisions not everyone approves of.

Compare your answers above with the contrasts you listed in question #2 above. What seem to you to be the clearest indications that a Christian leader is being a servant leader rather than functioning just as secular leaders do?

- 4 If those who work for or with you in your present organization were to study the passages you've just looked at, would they consider you a power leader or a servant leader? Why?

Challenge

Be prepared with a water basin and towels. Take turns washing each other's feet. Then discuss: How did each of you feel when one of the others was washing your feet? How did you feel when you were washing the others' feet?

Why is this experience so emotional? Uncomfortable? What would it take to make others in your organization feel at work the way you felt as your feet were being washed?

If you have a distance group talk about how you might feel if this had been done to you today.

Commitment to Partnership and Community

SESSION GOAL

The goal of this session is to help each member of your Mentor Group recognize his or her need for teamwork and the giftedness of others to fulfill God's Kingdom goals and to empower others as Christ-centered leaders.

- 1** Make a list of your roles and responsibilities in your present ministry. **Think of this as writing a job description for your successor. Be thorough.**

- 2 Go over the “job description” above. Write “S” beside any areas in which you have significant strengths. Write “W” beside any areas in which you feel you have weaknesses. Then list your areas of strength in one column, and your area of weakness in another.

STRENGTHS



WEAKNESSES

- 3 Beside each strength listed above, write the names of persons you work with who are also strong in that area. Beside each weakness, write the name of person(s) you work with who are strong in that area.

- 4 Read Romans 16:1-9.

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church in Cenchrea. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a great help to many people, including me. Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia. Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you. Greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. Greet Ampliatus, whom I love in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys...

From the Apostle Paul's description of these individuals, would you say his ministry assumed self-sufficiency or teamwork? What in the passage leads you to your conclusion? What other New Testament passages might you cite to support your conclusion?

5 Personal assessment. Write the number in the center column that indicates where you feel you are in moving from self-sufficiency to partnership.

Elitism and Self-Sufficiency	... to...	Partnership and Community
I find teamwork costs too much. There are inborn “efficiencies” in each of us working on our own	<i>Working Together</i> 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10	Working together both delights God and blesses the team. To me, teamwork is worth its cost
A good leader must be a loner. I am accountable to God alone and trust in Him alone for protection	<i>Isolation</i> 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10	As a leader, I value a team, not only for ministry effectiveness but also for the team’s own safety and growth
I don’t show weakness nor am I open for criticism or correction, because then people will not follow me	<i>Weakness</i> 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10	I try to lead through brokenness and transparency as it builds community and releases God’s power
As a leader, I try to have all of the answers and possess all the needed gifts to carry out our mission	<i>All-competent</i> 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10	As a leader, I need a team that helps to find answers and complements the gift-mix required for success
As a leader, I deserve credit for my success. This naturally builds a good reputation and track record	<i>Credit</i> 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10	As a leader I give glory to God by crediting my team members for any success that God allows
In our team, everyone seems to be wearing a protective mask. We don’t feel safe enough to open up	<i>Safe Place</i> 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10	Our team is becoming a relational safe place where there is freedom to show and share our weaknesses
I like everyone to work on their own. After all, we each have other places where we get Christian fellowship	<i>Healing Family</i> 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10	Our team is becoming like a family. We really help one another in our individual growth in the Lord
We rarely pray together. When we pray, it seems mechanical and ineffective. I just don’t know how to make it better	<i>Prayer as a Team</i> 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10	Prayer changes things so we have made it a team priority. We pray regularly for and with one another

6 What are the three most compelling reasons you can think of to encourage a team ministry? What are the three most significant reasons why it is difficult to do so in your own ministry or organizational setting?

Challenge

Share the most compelling reasons for partnership in your ministry, as well as the greatest difficulties in moving toward partnership. What specifically do you plan to do?

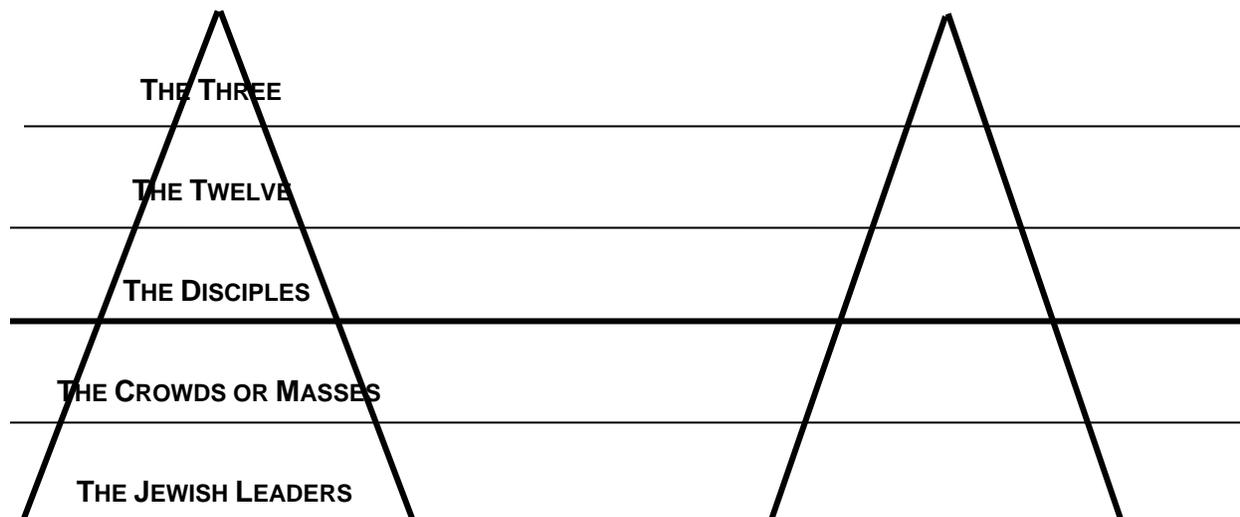
Commitment to Intentionally Mentor Leaders

SESSION GOAL

The goal of this session is to help each member of your Mentor Group commit to a priority of intentionally developing the next generation of Christ-centered leaders.

- 1 Look at the diagram below showing the focus of Jesus' ministry. At each higher level, fewer people are involved and the relationship between Jesus and the persons represented becomes closer and more intense. Jesus was carrying out a carefully crafted plan for developing the next generation of leaders. He gave priority to this plan.

An overview of the relational strategy in Jesus' ministry...and *our* strategy as well



Write down what you see as implications of this triangle for your own ministry and priorities.

2 In the triangle on the right, name groups and individuals you minister to that are parallel to the groups and individuals on the triangle representing Jesus' ministry.

3 What did you learn from doing the exercise involved in questions 1 & 2?

4 Let's review. In LEADERS FOLLOW JESUS we've discussed the five convictions in which our approach is rooted.

1. Distinctively Christian leaders are to be committed to building God's Kingdom.
2. Distinctively Christian leaders are to cultivate a grace environment.
3. Distinctively Christian leaders are to pursue servant leadership.
4. Distinctively Christian leaders are to minister through partnership and community.
5. Distinctively Christian leaders are to seek to intentionally mentor additional leaders.

Looking back over these sessions, which of the five explorations has made the strongest impression on you? Why?

5 This module simply introduces the basic principles to which the MentorLink series are committed. There are a number of additional modules available to help you explore distinctive Christ-centered leadership. They develop the relationships and skills required to intentionally mentor leaders within your own ministry setting.

If you wish to participate further we recommend that:

1. You recruit a group of potential leaders to guide through a module in the MentorLink Institute. Go to our web site www.MentorLink.org for additional information and mentor resources. Also, be sure to sign up for the Mentor Orientation under Resources/MentorLink Institute.

OR

2. You continue with your present group to work through additional modules with the expectation that when you feel ready you will recruit your own group of potential leaders to guide through this process. See the page 31 for more information on these modules.

In Closing

Dear Fellow Worker in the Kingdom,

We count it a privilege to serve you in your growth toward leading like Jesus. We trust this experience has been valuable for you and through you, the people you influence. We also trust He has laid on your heart the simplicity and purity of leading like Jesus.

Our heart is to continue to serve you through other resources available. But our greatest hope and prayer is that you will intentionally "Pass It On" to others so that they also grow in their heart to lead like Jesus.

May you continue to grow as a leader who leads like Jesus.

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What is your vision for "passing it on"?

You are now a steward of the heart issues in LEADERS FOLLOW JESUS. To whom will you pass this on? We encourage you to form another Mentor Group and facilitate others through what you have just finished.

"Passing it on" is not about mastering content, being an expert or a teacher. It is about being available to guide others through the mentoring experience. Will you continue to pass it on?

For additional help in "passing it on," go to <http://www.mentorlink.org/index.php/resources/passing-it-on/>

What's next?

We encourage you to join another Mentor Group for another module. Other MentorLink modules are a good place to start. You may also want to form your own Mentor Group.

Want to facilitate another module?

There are two options – bring together your own local group, or simply sign up to mentor a group.

We have a Mentor Orientation for new mentors. Go to the MentorLink website for links.

<http://www.mentorlink.org/index.php/resources/global-mentoring-project/facilitate-a-group/>



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MentorLink Modules

NOTE: THERE ARE MENTOR PROCESS GUIDES AVAILABLE FOR EACH MODULE



LEAD LIKE JESUS

The model of leadership in the world is clear. But Jesus calls His followers to a different model of leadership for the Kingdom. This module will assist you and your group in discovering this reality and in beginning to apply its implications to your lives, leadership, and mentoring.



LEAD IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY

Jesus had much to say about how He will evaluate leaders who serve Him. He also had many harsh words for false leaders. Jesus promises to reward those who serve Him faithfully. This module will provide understanding regarding the leader's personal advantage to having this eternal perspective.



BUILD HIS KINGDOM

Jesus came preaching the Kingdom. His Kingdom is the ultimate reality in this life and the life to come. However, many build their own empires, thinking they are building the Kingdom, while their very means and motives are actually at odds with His Kingdom. This module will assist you and your group in seeing the difference between building for the Kingdom and a leader building for his own empire. This module also will assist you in mentoring others regarding this awareness.



BUILD GRACE ENVIRONMENTS

How we mentor and treat people flows from our understanding of what Christ has done and is doing in us. This module will assist you and your group in a deeper understanding of the depth and riches of the Gospel of grace and its applications in your leadership and mentoring.



COLLABORATE AS LEADERS

Jesus mentored those he chose and was with them. Paul was always with someone who co-labored with him, mentoring him in the process. This module will assist you and your group in developing a practice of leading and mentoring in the context of partnership and community.



LEADERS FOLLOW JESUS

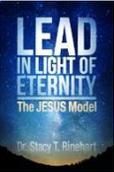
This module is intended for Christians operating in church, para-church ministries, Christian organizations, and the marketplace. Its intent is to help leaders evaluate the style of leadership exercised in their organization and bring it into harmony with the New Testament pattern. In this module, participants come to understand both the foundational concepts and the learning process which underlies MentorLink training.



LEADERS ABIDE IN JESUS

Some of the last words of Jesus to His Disciples were, "Abide in Me". The Apostle John reflects the importance of this, "whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked." This module opens the door for mentors and mentees to look at their own walk with Jesus. It is from this "center" that we fellowship with the Son and with one another. It is also from this center that we bear fruit for His Kingdom.

ADDITIONAL MENTORLINK RESOURCES

-  **LEADER'S COVENANT**
A simple, yet profound description of true spiritual leadership in ten aspirational statements with Scripture passages.
-  **DAYS WITH JESUS**
Journey with Jesus to draw closer to His heart and discover how He wants us to live, lead and influence people. This video-based discipling tool uses The JESUS Film and thought-provoking questions for reflection and discussion.
-  **PASSING IT ON**
This seminar and manual are used for training groups in transformational mentoring. It will transform how leaders develop leaders.
-  **MENTORLINK INSTITUTE**
Learn to lead like Jesus and mentor others while participating in mentor groups. The MentorLink Institute is a tested and proven strategy that works through a network of partners and mentors.
-  **LEAD IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY**
This book by Dr. Stacy Rinehart is about Jesus and leading in His kingdom. *Lead in Light of Eternity: The JESUS Model* is for anyone who aspires to live and lead like Jesus in the workplace, the church, the mission field, or the world.
-  **TRANSFORMATIONAL VALUES**
Jesus' ways are to be our ways. The focus is on changing leaders from the inside-out and on the leader's character and heart. Five values shifts needed for leaders who want to move away from leading in the way of the flesh to leading more like Jesus.
-  **BLOGS AND BOOKS**
Check out blogs and books focused on the heart and development of servant leaders. Find practical mentoring tips, personal stories and solid biblical advice.

All resources can be found at www.mentorlink.org/index.php/resources/