

## God's Great Leaders – Servants, Slaves

### Session 1 – Leadership Prayers: Solomon 1 Kings 3:5-9

1. How did Solomon feel about his leadership ability compared to God and his father, David?

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2. How do you identify with Solomon as you compare yourself with God and with good Christian leaders you have known?

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3. How did Solomon view the task he had been given?

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4. How do you feel about your leadership opportunities and responsibilities?

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5. What was Solomon's request of God?

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6. What would you like God to give you as you consider your ability and your responsibility?

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7. How did God answer Solomon's prayer? 1 Kings 3:11-15

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8. How has God promised to answer our prayers? Ephesians 3:20,21

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9. Select one or more in your group to lead as you pray for wisdom and strength from a powerful God for wisdom as you try to carry out His will in your life.

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## Session 1 – Leadership Projects

You are an elder of a congregation. The eldership makes a decision to send a missionary to Timbuktu. A faithful and worthy man is found to go. The brotherhood and the local congregation have confidence in the missionary. All seems to be going well. But there is a very wealthy man in the congregation who gives many, many dollars per year to the church. He does not want a preacher to go to Timbuktu. He wants to build some more classrooms instead. The loss of his contribution would complicate several facets of church work. How would you like to see the eldership handle this matter?

1. What are at least three ways to deal with this?

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2. What action will be taken?

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3. Who will be responsible for seeing it carried out?

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4. When will it be done?

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5. How will we communicate this to the group we lead?

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6. How will we answer questions about this issue?

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## Session 1 – Leadership Problems and Possibilities

1. How do leaders escape the double bind of desire to be a leader?
  - a. The desire is necessary. 1 Timothy 3:1; 1 Peter 5:1,2
  - b. If a person expresses a desire to be in a leadership position, they are often accused of being “power hungry”; many men feel a need to deny the desire in order not to be seen as being “lifted up with pride.”
  - c. How should a potential leader communicate a genuine, sincere desire to be a servant leader?

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2. How can leaders attain and maintain the state of being “blameless”?
  - a. Everyone sins. Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8
  - b. But a leader (Christian) must be “blameless”. 1 Timothy 3:2,10; Titus 1:5-7; Philippians 2:12-16
  - c. How can you and I be “blameless”?

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## Session 1 – Leadership Mustard Seeds

1. What did you learn about God?

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2. What did you learn about prayer?

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3. What did you learn about group interaction?

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4. What did you learn about leadership?

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5. What did you learn about yourself?

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