

## God's Great Leaders – Servants, Slaves

### Session 4 – Leadership Prayers: David – Awareness of God's Presence; Invitation for God's Inspection and Correction Psalm 139

1. What does God know about my thoughts, words, and actions? Psalm 139:1-6

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2. Where is God? Where can I go to get away from Him? Psalm 139:7-12

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3. Who made me? How well did He do? How long has He known me? Psalm 139:13-16

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4. What thoughts does David have about God's thoughts? Psalm 139:17,18

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5. How does David feel about the wicked? Psalm 139:19-22

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6. What request does David make of God to correct and lead him? Psalm 139:23,24

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7. How might God answer that prayer for David and for us? How would He reveal the wicked way He finds and lead us in the way everlasting?

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8. Select one or more in your group to lead as you praise God for His great knowledge. Ask God to inspect you, find what needs to be corrected, and lead you in the right way.

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### Session 4 – Leadership Projects

A group in the church is planning an “all church” social function. The most likely place for it to be held is at a local motel dining room. To get to the dining room, the people will have to pass by the bar. One of the elders objects. This elder is a good man, a fine leader, and greatly respected by the church. He does not personally want to go to eat “where liquor is sold” and he surely does not want to lead the church to such a place. He knows it will not affect him, but he is especially concerned about two reformed alcoholics who are members, who will attend the social function, and who may be tempted to drink. Even though the congregation does not know it, the elder has counseled with these men and is aware of their problem and what the temptation may do for them. The elder is very conscientious. He is not a crank, not ugly about it, but he simply has convictions against it. How should such a matter be handled? Remember, it is not a matter of expediency to him, but a matter of right and wrong.

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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(Leadership situation from W. T. Hamilton; used by permission.)

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### Session 4 – Leadership Projects

You are an elder in the church. A neighboring congregation does things which you believe to be unscriptural, or at least exceedingly unwise. They approach you to request permission to bring a group to your congregation and present a program. If you permit it, you are taking a chance on having a public presentation which you would not endorse. If you say “no” you will further alienate that congregation from yours. What would you want the eldership to do?

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### Session 4 – Leadership Problems and Possibilities

1. If a volunteer leader becomes disqualified because of physical or moral reasons, what should the other leaders in the group do?

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2. If a volunteer leader becomes ineffective (not because of physical, mental, or moral problems – he just isn't getting the job done), what should the other leaders in the group do?

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3. If you were the ineffective volunteer leader, how would you want to be treated?

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4. How do leaders act with consideration of the best interests of fellow leaders and the best interests of the group they lead?

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### Session 4 – 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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