

God's Great Leaders – Servants, Slaves

Session 8 – Leadership Prayers: Jesus' Prayer of Deathly Sorrow, Agony Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:39-46

1. What did Jesus ask in prayer on the night of His betrayal?

2. How did Jesus feel as He prayed?

3. As a leader, should you expect to always feel comfortable, energized, and happy?

4. What was the immediate answer to Jesus' prayer? How was He helped during this difficult time? Luke 22:43

5. What happened after this painful prayer? Matthew 26:47 - Matthew 27:50

6. What blessings did Jesus receive three days later? Matthew 28:1-8

7. How are we blessed by this act and example today? Hebrews 12:1-3

8. Select one or more in your group to lead as you ask God to bless you during your painful times of struggle and crucifixion. Thank Him for the new life and resurrection that you have already experienced as a Christian and that you anticipate in the future.

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Session 8 – Leadership Projects

You are an elder in the church. One of the members gets involved in sin. You, with another elder, go and talk with him about it. He seems remorseful and promises to do better. He doesn't change. What should the next step be?

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

2. What action will be taken?

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

4. When will it be done?

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

6. How will we answer questions about this issue?

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You are one of the elders of a large congregation. One of the other elders doesn't know the Bible as well as he ought. He teaches a vital class of young adults and one Sunday while studying worship he says, "The Bible has nothing to say about when one should take the Lord's Supper. One may take it any day in the week as well as on Sunday." This statement immediately comes to the attention of the eldership. How would you like to see the eldership handle the matter?

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The time has come for additional elders to be appointed. Two or three men seem to have the spiritual qualifications to a fair degree. One of the possibilities is a man who has all of the “yes and no” qualifications and meets quite well the others. He would pass the “check list” with flying colors. He is sound in the faith, has a high moral standard in life, a fine family, and is a good teacher. He has excelled in personal evangelism and has converted several of the members. However, he has an abrasive personality. Although he is good, many people “just don’t like him.” Others think he is the greatest. Should he be put in over the protest of many good members of the church? If the man is rejected, how should the refusal to use him be communicated to him?

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Session 8 – Leadership Problems and Possibilities

1. What does God say about honoring leaders? Romans 13:5-7; Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:22-24; 1 Thessalonians 5:12,13; 1 Timothy 5:17,18;

2. Do I have to be happy and agree with every aspect of a leader to honor him?

3. How do we honor leaders as a group?

4. How do you honor leaders – civil, family, church? 1 Peter 4:9; 1 Timothy 5:19,20

5. How can I encourage others to honor leaders? Proverbs 27:23

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Session 8 – Leadership Mustard Seeds

1. What did you learn about God?

2. What did you learn about prayer?

3. What did you learn about group interaction?

4. What did you learn about leadership?

5. What did you learn about yourself?
