

## God's Great Leaders – Servants, Slaves

### Session 11 – Leadership Prayers: Prayers for Leaders

1. As you have studied the prayers of Solomon, David, Jeremiah, Jesus, and Paul, what have you learned about how leaders pray?

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2. What has surprised you about the prayers of these leaders?

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3. How have you seen God responding to the prayers of these leaders?

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4. What has encouraged you by these prayers?

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5. How have your prayers been affected by what you have read of these leaders?

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6. What is one thing you appreciate that God has done for you?

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7. If you could have God grant you one quality as a person, what would that quality be?

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8. If God would grant your group (church, family, business) one blessing, what would you want it to be?

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9. Ask one or more in your group to lead as you talk to God about your gratitude, wants, and needs for yourself and others.

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### Session 11 – Leadership Projects

Think about your group and how it has functioned for the past few weeks. Think about your thoughts and feelings as a member of the group. Think about your thoughts and feelings about other group members.

1. What were your group rules you agreed to follow in Session 1?

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2. What were your unspoken rules that you followed?

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3. Who was the designated leader for each session and how was he selected?

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4. Who was the dynamic leader (“head elder”) of the group?

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5. How did he and other members of the group cooperate in giving him that power?

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6. How did you reach decisions?
  - a. Majority?
  - b. Minority?
  - c. First to speak?
  - d. Last to speak?
  - e. Most powerful? How was power given?

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7. Did you get your way every time? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Did you get your say every time? \_\_\_\_\_

9. If you didn't get to say what you wanted to say, was it by your choice or were you shut off by the rest of the group?

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10. How did you feel when you were over-ruled?

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11. How do you feel about cooperating when your ideas were not the ones accepted?

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12. What did you learn from the fact that different groups may have reached different decisions?

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13. What feelings did you have about

a. Power (influence)?

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b. Fear?

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c. Authority?

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14. What pleasant or painful feelings did you have during group sessions about other authority figures (parents, elders, coaches, teachers, officers of the law)?

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### Session 11 – Leadership Problems and Possibilities

1. What differences did you notice between spoken rules and unspoken rules?

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2. What, if any, contradictory rules did your group have?

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3. How did the “real leader” of your group get his power and how did the group give it to him and help him to keep it?

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4. How did you reach group decisions?

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5. How did you see yourself in the group (important, unimportant, powerful, weak, dominating, invisible)?

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6. What did you learn from the fact that different groups may have reached different decisions?

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7. Could different elderships make different decisions on some issues and still be pleasing to God? Could different elderships make different decisions on all issues and still be pleasing to God? What is the difference?

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8. What did you learn in your group about power, fear, authority?

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9. How can you use some of the things you have learned about yourself and how you relate to and lead others in a group?

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### Session 11 – 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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Evaluation – Good-bye.

- A. What was helpful about this class?
- B. How could this class be improved in the future?
- C. What do you need to do to say good-bye to the class?
- D. What do you need to say to the group or to any individual before the group?
- E. “Heart and Soul.”
- F. “If.”