
LEADING IS A “GET TO”, NOT A “HAVE TO”

Leading a small group really is “get to”, not a “have to”. It is a privilege to get to guide and shape and influence the individuals within your group. What you do matters. All of us have been deeply influenced by people who shaped our lives. It could have been a coach, a teacher, a parent, a youth pastor... or all of the above.

 **Who is a leader that has impacted you? What specific things did they do to invest in you?**

None of those people that influenced you were perfect, but they invested in you and set a good example for you to follow.

 **In your opinion, what are 5 qualities of a great godly leader?**

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③ _____

④ _____

⑤ _____

Make it your goal and priority to grow in these areas as a leader.

Right after Peter tells us that we have been given everything we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3), he challenges us to put in the effort to grow.

 *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*
2 Peter 1:5-8 (NIV)

But the truth is, we can find ourselves feeling inadequate and insecure when it comes to leading. And that is very normal. But be encouraged today. God knows you and He is for you. And he has a long history of using imperfect, inadequate people.

It is very easy to focus on the gaps in our leadership and not see how God has prepared us to lead. You see, God has already been at work in your life. Through your past, your experiences, your relationships, and your trials, he has been preparing you.

? As you think back over your life, in what ways has God prepared you for leading a small group?

Just think of those early disciples. They were not the most qualified or educated. But they were available and teachable. And that's what God asks of you.

God wants to use you. Let that soak in for a moment. God desires to use you as a small group leader.



For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.
2 Chronicles 16:9a (NASB)

? Before we close this session, spend a few moments thinking about what could be. In fact, make a list of a few things that you would hope and believe that God would do in and through your small group.

So, lean in, work hard, and pray diligently. God is going to use you.