

Answers: Lesson One: CLI Leadership Bible Study

Lesson 1: Building a Leadership Model (**Day One**) *Leadership Defined*

Question 1. Based on the definition of Christian above, how is self-absorption contrary to a

follower of Christ? **It is contrary to looking out for the interests of others (Philippians 2:4,2:20) and denying oneself and taking up one's cross (Matthew 16:24, Mark 8:34 & Luke 9:23).**

2. Have you been guilty of the sin of self-absorption? If so, what will you do about it?
(Consider 2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

Personal Answer. Note: According to 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, the believers has the divine power to crush the stronghold of self-absorption. We need to pray and expect God's grace and power to help us overcome this sin and any other. We use our free will to train our minds and obey Christ.

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
2 Corinthians 10:4-5

However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. 1 Peter 4:16

3. In 1 Peter 4:16 why do you think Peter says that if you suffer as a Christian, praise God?

Various thoughts and answers but: Christ suffered death on the cross so that man could have his sins forgiven. As a follower of Christ, the Christian may be called to suffer for upholding His name. The Christian is blessed to follow in his Master's footsteps even in painful trials and persecutions when aligned (united) with God's will. (strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said. Acts 14:22)

4. Review the ways Jesus leads. Are there any ways that Jesus is not leading your life?
Explain:

Personal Answer.

Lesson 1: Building a Leadership Model (**Day Two**) *The Model*

*I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.*¹⁶ *I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.*
John 13:15-16

5. Read John 13:15-16. Who is the model for building a Christian leader?

Jesus

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,*¹⁷ *so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*
2 Timothy 3:16-17

6. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Where do you find the instructions for following the Model?

Bible

7. Do you think there are many Christians today working from the wrong model or blueprint? If so, what kind of model are they working from and what will be their end result?

Personal Answer but certainly there are Christians working from the wrong model or blueprint. There are Christians in the U.S. that are working from a worldly model and blue print. We cannot tell them apart from the nonbelievers as they are working from the same model gained from the media and internet. Satan, the father of lies is usually behind the wrong model.

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. **John 8:44**

8. At this point in time, what model and blueprint are you using?

Personal Answer

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.
2 Corinthians 3:18

Read John 14:26 and 2 Corinthians 3:18 and answer question 5:

9. How can you follow in Jesus' steps and be a leader of excellence? **Personal Answer** but must understand that the Holy Spirit helps us follow Jesus and become a leader like Him. We are being transformed or changed into His likeness throughout life. It is a long building process but we keep our eye on the glorious face of Jesus, for this is who we will resemble in the end.

Personal Application:

"Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.¹⁹ He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets.²⁰ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory.²¹ In his name the nations will put their hope."
Matthew 12:18-21 (quoted from Isaiah 42:1-4)

Ask God to speak to you personally through the following verses about Jesus:
Matthew 12:18-21 (quoted from Isaiah 42:1-4)

10. What did God say or impress upon you:

Personal Answer

11. Communication with God is pivotal (essential) in your role as a Christian leader. Do you regularly hear (in your mind or heart) God speaking to you? Yes No Sometimes **(Circle One)**

12. I would like more information about communicating with God: Yes No **(Circle One)**

(Bible Minister: If he or she circles Yes on question 12 - send: **"Steps to Communicating with God."**)

Lesson 1: Building a Leadership Model (**Day Three**) *The Chief Cornerstone*

13. What happens if you begin your project with faulty or defective materials?

The project will be flawed and not work properly. It won't last, could fall apart and it might even cause harm.

14. Do you have a real life story to share of a project that was built with defective materials? What happened?

Personal Answer

15. What would you do if you discovered your building materials were of inferior quality?

Discard and start over. Don't give up, just begin again.

16. What are some reasons that you should not ask a follower of a non-Christian religion to pray for you or to lead a group in prayer?

- 1.** They are praying to a different god. Satan and his followers are usually behind false gods. They want to divert worship of the one, true, living God.
- 2.** God forbids idols of false gods in the life of His people (Exodus 20:3-4).
- 3.** It would confuse Christians and keep the non-Christian from learning the truth about Jesus as the path to God.

"I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. ⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete." Luke 6:47-49

17. According to Jesus in Luke 6:47-48a, what is a person like who hears His words and puts them into practice?

He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. (strong and secure)

18. When the flood came what happened (v.48b)?

When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. (dependent and trusting in God)

19. What do you think the flood represents in this parable? *Temptation and trouble.*

20. In Luke 6:49, what is a person like who hears His words but does **not** put them into practice?

But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. (weak and insecure)

21. What happens when the flood or torrent strikes (v.49b)?

The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete. (collapse and complete destruction)

So this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed. Isaiah 28:16

Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem. It is firm, a tested and precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never run away again."^{NLT} Isaiah 28:16 (quoted in 1 Peter 2:4-8)

22. Read Isaiah 28:16 both in the NIV and the New Living Translation (NLT). Based on a cornerstone being used as a metaphor for a leader, give a description of his character.

Firm, tested and approved, trustworthy, strong and secure. Holds people up and together.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22

23. Read Ephesians 2:19-22, who is the chief cornerstone?

Jesus Christ, God's Son

24. As a Christian leader, what is the goal of your building project (purposefully bringing individuals together) according to Ephesians 2:19-22?

The Christian leader's goal is to become and help others become a holy dwelling place for God to live by His Holy Spirit. Christian leaders glorify God and lead others to glorify God also.

25. Jesus is the Cornerstone from which we build our lives as a holy temple to the glory of God. Is there anything keeping you from total surrender and submission to Jesus Christ as Lord?

Yes No Maybe (Circle One) Please explain your answer:

Personal Answer. Bible Minister, please pray for your "Learner" if struggling with surrendering to Jesus and let him or her know you are praying. Also our send "How to have confidence that you will be with God in heaven" if questions about salvation.

Lesson 1: Building a Leadership Model (**Day Four**) *The Trinity*

26. Why do you think we bring up the Trinity in our study of leadership?

Following God the Son means that a leader is also following God the Father and God the Spirit. Therefore, our Leadership Model must include the triune God. In order to know and relate to God properly, a leader must understand the Trinity as much as is humanly possible. A leader will rely on the triune God in all that he or she does each day. (Other answers may be correct)

Personal Application:

27. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and then read and meditate on the following verses:

No answer. Learner was to follow the instructions and answer the following questions.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was with God in the beginning.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 10:30 I and the Father are one."

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 17:21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 20:28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Matthew 16:15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

1 Peter 1:2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Nehemiah 9:20 You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst.

Isaiah 48:16 "Come near me and listen to this: "From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there." And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, with his Spirit.

Zechariah 4:6 So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

Joel 2:28 'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

28. What was one thing that you learned from reading these verses?

Personal Answer

29. What was one thing that God revealed to you about Himself?

Personal Answer

30. List any questions that you have after reading these verses?

Personal Answer – Bible Minister: please address and get answers from CLI.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:1-2

31. In the beginning who created the heavens and the earth? **God**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. John 1:1-3

32. Who was with God the Father at creation according to Genesis 1:2 and John 1:1-3?
God the Spirit and God the Son.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Genesis 1:3

33. According to Genesis 1:3, when God said "Let there be light" what happened?

There was light.

And God spoke all these words:² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. Exodus 20:1-2

34. Read Exodus 20:1-2. When God spoke these words to the Israelites, what was He revealing about Himself?

God was revealing His name and character. He is the living God with the power and authority to save them from the hands of the Egyptians. He is the Deliverer. He is the LORD who cares.

He declared to you his covenant, the Ten Commandments, which he commanded you to follow and then wrote them on two stone tablets. Deuteronomy 4:13

35. Read Deuteronomy 4:13. How did God reveal to the Israelites the moral order He desired?

He gave them the Ten Commandments through Moses; which he ordered them to follow.

Meditate on John 1:4, 14 and Revelation 19:13 and answer question 7:

In him was life, and that life was the light of men. John 1:4

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. Revelation 19:13

36. Based on what you previously read about the Word in the Old Testament, what do you think the apostle John meant when he says that the Word became flesh?

God is the Word. Jesus is the Word. Jesus is God. Jesus was born of a virgin and took the body of a man. He was fully God and fully man.

37. Give a definition of the theological term “incarnation.”

Jesus, who is God took on flesh; took on a body. Incarnation is derived from the Latin word *incarnatio* which means to take on flesh.

38. What is God’s purpose for your life? **To follow Jesus**

Go now, write it on a tablet for them, inscribe it on a scroll, that for the days to come it may be an everlasting witness. Isaiah 30:8

39. According to Isaiah 30:8, how long will God’s Word be a witness (gives evidence, testify)?

Forever; eternally or everlasting.

Lesson 1: Building a Leadership Model (**Day Five**) *The Triune Relationship*

40. How do you think the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit truly feel about each other?

Personal Answer: But they love each other perfectly and completely. They are in complete agreement and live in perfect harmony.

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17

41. Read Matthew 3:17 and 17:5. How does God the Father introduce Jesus?

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5

but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. John 14:31a

42. Read John 14:31. What does Jesus do to show that He loves the Father?

world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin." Mark 3:29

43. From Mark 3:29, how does God the Father and God the Son feel about God the Spirit?

Protective, loving, in harmony as one, they want Him to be revered and treated as holy.

"Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations." Matthew 12:18

He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. John 16:14

44. Meditate on Matthew 12:18 and John 16:14. List some of the relational characteristics (ways they get along) of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Loving, delighting in, giving, unselfish, sharing, and caring. Maybe other thoughts.

Read Jesus' prayer (John 17:20-24) to God the Father.

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:²³ I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world." John 17:20-24

45. According to John 17:20, who is Jesus praying for? **All believers, even future ones**

46. In verse 21, what is Jesus asking the Father? **To make believers one with God**

47. In verse 22, Jesus asks that the believers may be **one** as we are **one**.

48. In verse 23, Jesus asks that believers be brought to complete unity for what purpose?

May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

49. In verse 24, Jesus asks the Father that believers will be with Him where He is and to see His glory.

Memorize Matthew 22:36-40 recognizing the commandment includes Father, Son and Holy Spirit as our triune God. If you have memorized it in the past, review and meditate on it.

50. Considering the love relationship between the Father, Son, and Spirit, how do you think God expects us to act toward God and one another?

Personal Answer to include love, trust and obey God. Love others unselfishly and with honorable motivations.

51. After you have memorized Matthew 22:36-40, write it here. Do not look at the Scripture verses so that your Bible Minister will know that you have committed your verses to memory.

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:36-40

End Lesson One

Next Lesson 2: Triple Love Poured Out – The triune God’s personal love for you!

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