

Exercise: Define Leader / Leadership

▶ Complete this statement:

▶ “A Leader is _____”

▶ Then, complete this statement:

▶ “Leadership is _____”

Christ-Centered Leadership

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Where the Lord used me

- ▶ Born Detroit, Michigan, November 28, 1958 (67)
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- ▶ HC-130B, Flight Engineer, US Coast Guard, 1976-1980, CGAS Barber's Pt, HI
- ▶ B.S. Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University 1980-1982
- ▶ B-52H Combat Systems Officer, US Air Force, Minot AFB, ND 1983-1986
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- ▶ FB-111 Weapons Systems Officer, US Air Force, Plattsburgh AFB, NY 1987-1991
- ▶ Commander, Military Training Division, Associate Professor, US Air Force Academy, 1991-1998
- ▶ Group Manager, Global Delivery and Operations, Microsoft, 1998-2000
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- ▶ Professor, Information Systems & Tech, DeVry University, 2008-2017
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- ▶ PhD Educational Leadership, concentration in Information and Learning Technology, University of Colorado, 1992-1998
- ▶ Master of Science in Administration, Central Michigan University, 1988
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Outcomes

- ▶ Define Leadership.
- ▶ Implement a better way to lead.
- ▶ Lead like Jesus in your home, work, and community.

Overview

- ▶ Exercise: What is Leadership?
- ▶ What the world says about leadership.
- ▶ Christ's Example.
- ▶ How then shall you lead?

Exercise: Group Reports / Collation

▶ “A Leader is _____”

▶ “Leadership is _____”

What the world says about leaders and leadership

- ▶ Traits
- ▶ Behaviors
- ▶ Approaches: Styles, Skills
- ▶ Theories
- ▶ Models:
 - ▶ Transactional Leadership
 - ▶ Situational Leadership
 - ▶ Transformational Leadership
 - ▶ Authentic Leadership

Leadership Definition

▶ “Leadership is an influence relationship among leaders and followers who intend real change that reflect their mutual purposes.”

▶ Joseph C. Rost, *Leadership for the Twenty-First Century*, 1993

Definition of Servant Leadership

- ▶ “The servant-leader is servant first. It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. The best test is : do those served grow as persons; do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer. More autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants?”
- ▶ Robert K. Greenleaf, *Insights on Leadership*, 1998

What Jesus says about leadership

- ▶ “You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. John 13: 13-17, ESV

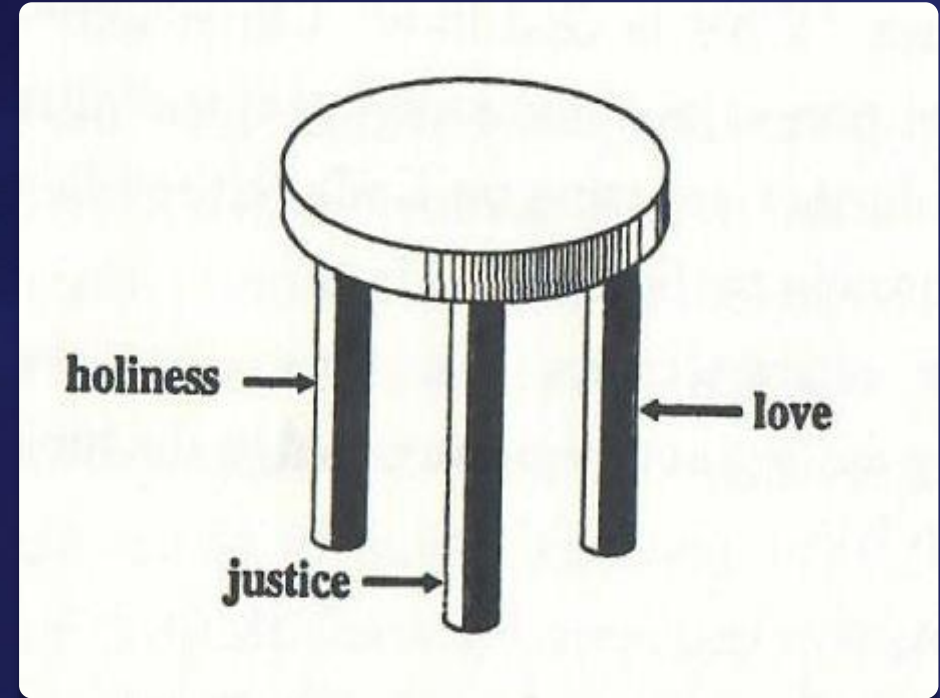
Ten Characteristics of the Servant-Leader

- ▶ **Listening**, or talking?
- ▶ **Empathy**, or is everything all about them?
- ▶ **Healing**, or are they harming or hurting others?
- ▶ **Awareness**, or Insensitive to cues or others?
- ▶ **Persuasion**, or Dictation?
- ▶ **Conceptualization**, can they paint compelling word-pictures?
- ▶ **Foresight**, do they see where the story goes, or how it ends?
- ▶ **Stewardship**, or spending resources on foolish frivolity?
- ▶ **Commitment to growth of their people**, are the people thriving?
- ▶ **Building community**, or destroying it?

Reflecting the Character of God

Alexander Hill's

Three-Legged Stool Model



Alexander Hill, *Just Business: Christian Ethics in the Marketplace*, 2nd Ed, 2008

What is Your Legacy? How is it Created?

First Half – “**Success** is using your knowledge and experience to satisfy yourself.”

Halftime – So what? Who cares? How will I be remembered?

Second Half – “**Significance** is using your knowledge and experience to change the lives of others.”

Covey's Ladder of Success

“If the ladder is not leaning on the right wall, every step we take just gets us to the wrong place faster. Is your ladder leaning against the right wall?”



Stephen R. Covey, 7 Habits of Highly-Effective People, 2004

Summary

- ▶ Definition of leadership
- ▶ What the world says about leadership
- ▶ What Jesus says about leadership
- ▶ Ten Characteristics of a Servant-Leader
- ▶ Reflecting the Character of God
- ▶ Creating a Legacy

The Great Commission

- ▶ “And Jesus came and said to them, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
- ▶ Matthew 28: 18-20, ESV

Consider this...

- ▶ We are sinners in need of a savior. Because of His love, and sacrifice for us, We will not get what we deserve.
- ▶ By His election, and for His Glory, we are “instruments in the hands of the Redeemer,”
- ▶ This is the greatest mission in this life. We were chosen by the sovereign, omnipotent, creator of the Universe, and eternity, for this mission.
- ▶ We are in this together, and we serve at His pleasure for His purpose.

▶ How then shall you lead?

Men's Breakfast Part II

Christian Leadership in Marriage and Family

- ▶ God's Model of Creation
- ▶ God's image: Male and Female
- ▶ Joint heirs in the Kingdom of God
- ▶ Your role as Head of Household
- ▶ Shared decision-making
- ▶ The root of all conflict and how to reconcile

Part I was just a warm-up. The best is yet to come!