

Small Group Leadership

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Introduction

Small groups are a vital part of the Church. Real growth and deep fellowship take place when we meet in home-based groups, but strong healthy groups need effective leaders. In this session we shall look at leadership from the perspective of the group members as well as from the perspective of the leader. We'll see that Jesus is our greatest example of an effective leader.

Characteristics of Jesus' leadership John 10:1-18.

Read 2 Corinthians 3: 18.



Do you see Jesus' qualities when you look in the mirror?

What qualities do members of your group see when they look at you?

Leadership qualities

In the world people normally become leaders because they have special skills. In the Kingdom of God it is quite different Matthew 20: 26-28.

Why are you a small group leader?

Qualities of a leader in the world	Qualities of a leader in the Kingdom of God

Needs, wants and expectations

What does the group need from you?	What does the group want from you?	What does the group expect of you?

Leadership styles

Often we hear about leaders being people oriented or task oriented in their leadership style. In the Kingdom of God there is another orientation: life oriented! John 10:10

People oriented	Task oriented	Life oriented

So, after all this..... *What makes an effective small group leader?*

Now, let's look at two practical issues all small group leaders face.

- **The balance between the role of facilitator (John 13:14-17) and visionary leader (John 10:27).**

- **What to do when an individual is doing something which is harming all of the others (John 13: 34 Matthew 5: 23,24).**

Your leadership in the small group is vital in bringing about an environment of love, unity, care for individuals and of committed relationships. See Psalm 133. That's the kind of environment in which the Holy Spirit is free to work in people's lives, to bring about His blessing.

Be shepherds of the flock that is under your care, serving as overseers – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be eager to serve.... not lording it over those entrusted to you being examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5: 2,3