Overview: Sketches of Leadership

Images of Leadership

These Bible studies provide scriptural Images of Leadership as models for developing leaders. These two-page studies were written by InterVarsity staff Rich Lamb. Each study also includes notes for leading students in a training setting. These are modular and independent units so they can be used in any order.

Leader as Shepherd: Caring for the Flock

- God as Shepherd (Psalm 23, John 10)
- The Call of a Shepherd (John 21:15-19 and Ezekiel 34)
- The Heart of a Shepherd (1 Peter 5:1-4)

Leader as Servant: Building Trust

- The Leader Leads by Serving (Mark 1:40-44 and Mark 5:24-32)
- The Leader Serves by Leading (John 13:1-17)
- The Leader Serves by Leading (Mark 10:41-45)

Leader as Patient: God serves and heals us even as he calls us into ministry

- Relationship with God (various scripture verses)
- Motivation for Discipleship (verses from Mark)
- Why did Jesus go to the Cross? (various scripture verses)

Leader as Sage: God offers wisdom to those who lead

- Asking Good Questions (verses from Mark)
- Wisdom and Leadership (1 Kings 3:5-28, James 1:5-8)

Leader as Sentinel: Addressing sin in a way that people will respond

- Leader as Sentinel (Ezekiel 33:1-9 and Hebrews 3:12-14)
- The Sentinel in Conflict (1 Samuel 25)

Leader as Visionary: Seeing the campus as God does and calling others toward faith in God’s work

- The Leadership of Aaron and Moses (Exodus 32:1-29)
- The Leadership of King David (1 Chronicles 29:1-14)
- Leading with Vision (Haggai 1:1-15)
- Gaining God’s Heart for the Campus (Jonah 3:10 - 4:11)
- Preparing for Growth (2 Kings 4:1-7)
- Seeing Your Campus as a Mission Field (Genesis 12:1-4 and Jeremiah 29:1-14)

**Leader as Steward:** Delegation and Execution

- Standing in the Gap with Prayer and Planning (Nehemiah 1:1 - 2:8)

**Leader as Sponsor:** Helping to develop the leadership of the next generation

- Transformative Influence 1 (John 1:35-51 and John 4:27-37)
- Transformative Influence 2 (John 15:1-17 and John 21:15-19)
- Leadership Styles (verses from Mark and Matthew)
- Entrust to Faithful People (Mark 3:3-19 and 2 Timothy 2:1-2, 14-15)
- The Mechanics of the Kingdom (Mark 4:1-13, 21-34)
- Apprentice Apostles (Mark 6:1-13, 30)

**Leader as Sower:** Multiplying ministry by calling others into partnership

- Entrust to Faithful People (Mark 3:7-19 and 2 Timothy 2:1-2, 14-15)
- The Mechanics of the Kingdom (Mark 4:1-13, 21-34)
Topical Sketches of Leadership

These topical Bible studies provide scriptural principles for training students in leadership responsibilities by developing vision, prayer, character, outreach, and more. These two-page studies were written by InterVarsity staff Rich Lamb. Each study also includes notes for leading students in a training setting. These are modular and independent units so they can be used in any order. Plan 45-90 minutes for each one.

Vision: Leading with vision and preparing for growth on the mission field of the campus

- The Leadership of King David (1 Chronicles 29:1-14)
- Leading with Vision (Haggai 1:1-15)
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Prayer: Leading with prayer that stands in the gap of missional intercession

- Standing in the Gap with Prayer and Planning (Nehemiah 1:1 - 2:8)
- Praying with Your Eyes Open (2 Kings 6:8-23)
- Jesus at Prayer (various passages in Luke)
- Missional Intercession (Romans 8:18-27 and Exodus 33:1-5, 12-17)

Character of a Leader: Exploring ambition, authenticity, reluctance and confidence in the character of a leader

- Ambition and the Kingdom (various verses)
- The Leadership of Aaron and Moses (Exodus 32:1-29)
- The Authentic Jesus (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 10:42-45)
- The Reluctant Leader (Exodus 2—4)

Difficulties in Leadership: Examining burnout, failure, and resistance in leadership

- The Leader and Burnout (1 Kings 19:1-18)
- The Reluctant Leader (Exodus 2—4)
- Faith in Failure (Mark 9:14-29 and Romans 8:18-27)
- Successful Failure (Matthew 14:22-33)
- Resistance to God’s Work (John 13:1-17)
Small Group and Bible Study: Engaging the hearers, the doers or the confused in a small group community that asks good questions

- **Engaging the Hearers: Encounter** (Nehemiah 8:1-12)
- **Confusion and Discernment** (Luke 24:13-35)
- **Doers of the Word: Response** (James 1:18-27)
- **Asking Good Questions** (various passages from Mark)
- **Dwelling Place of God: Small Group Community** (various verses)

Evangelism: Authenticity, apologetics, proclamation, and the five thresholds of conversion

- **The Authentic Jesus** (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 10:42-45)
- **Jesus and Apologetics** (Mark 12:18-27)
- **The Five Thresholds of Conversion** (John 4:5-40)
- **Ready to Proclaim the Good News** (Acts 8:26-40)
- **Bridging the Gap** (Acts 17:16-34)
- **Strands of Conversion** (passages in Acts) [coming]

New Student Outreach: A welcoming heart on the mission field of the campus

- **A Heart of Welcome** (Mark 5:21-36)
- **Throwing A Great Banquet** (Luke 14:7-23)
- **Seeing Your Campus as a Mission Field** (Genesis 12:1-4 and Jeremiah 29:1-14)
- **Apprentice Apostles** (Mark 6:1-13, 30)

Multiethnicity: Ministry growth and multiethnicity

- **Ministry Growth and Multiethnicity** (Acts 6:1-7)

Chapter Planting: Start something new as a leader on your campus

- **The Reluctant Leader** (Exodus 2—4)
- **Standing in the Gap with Prayer and Planning** (Nehemiah 1:1 - 2:8)
- **Gaining God’s Heart for the Campus** (Jonah 3:10 - 4:11)
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See all the Sketches of Leadership Bible studies at http://collegiateministries.intervarsity.org/leader-tools/sketches-leadership.