

BICM107 FOUNDATIONS OF BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

INTRODUCTION

From Moses to the Lord Jesus, to the Apostles, the Bible is a great text on leadership. Basic principles of leadership and practical insights will be covered from a biblical perspective.

Course Objectives:

- To increase your spiritual influence to the honor of God.
- To develop the ability to draw spiritual principles from life experiences.
- To gain new insights into your own life story and see how God is working in your life.
- To become a mentor and spiritual guide for others.
- To develop a meaningful process for your own spiritual formation.

Jesus called leaders to be with Him in preparation to carry on the work He started here on earth. He called them servants, disciples, and sent ones. Each man was handpicked, after much prayer, to fulfill specific areas of ministry. It was not that they knew this beforehand, but Jesus had a very specific task in mind for each of them. He called some by saying, "*Come and follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men*" (Mt.4:19).

Obviously this was not the call to Matthew, the tax collector, but to the fishermen, Peter and Andrew. So He called James and John the same day as they were at the lakeside (Mt.4:21-22). Jesus calls men who are busy doing something constructive to be leaders for Him. He calls them because He knows that they have the drive to do what needs to be done for the Kingdom.

Jesus' call to Peter was because He knew Peter to be a man of action and one in whom the Father had placed attributes that could be used for Kingdom building. Peter was not perfect, but with the schooling he would receive while walking with Jesus, he would be able to do what the Lord was calling him to do, be a fisher of men. That was His call to men then and it is the same today. When a person gets saved, there is a definite work that person has been fitted to do in the Kingdom. There is no haphazardness in God's plan for us. We are fitted and equipped to do what He calls us to do, so our problem is discovering what it is He wants.

Peter exhorts us in his first Epistle to take the oversight as God calls us to. He is talking about leadership taking the responsibility of a shepherd seriously, not for gain but because of the call. He told us to not lord over our charges, but to prove ourselves as patterns for them to follow in righteousness.

He went on to say that the younger should submit to the elder, each girding themselves with humility so as to become all God has designed us to be. He was pointing out the value of leadership to the Body of Christ.

Some things we can deduce from what we see in Jesus calling the disciples we should discuss:

- A. Jesus Called Them
- B. Jesus Named Them
- C. Jesus Teamed Them
- D. Jesus Motivated Them
- E. Jesus Taught Them
- F. Jesus Trusted Them
- G. Jesus Tested Them
- H. Jesus Selected Them
- I. Jesus Included Them
- J. Jesus Confided in Them
- K. Jesus Befriended Them
- L. Jesus Warned Them
- M. Jesus Gave another Chance
- N. Jesus Explained to Them

Learn more by purchasing the entire course that covers the following topics:

- Lesson 1 - Introduction - Vision is Empowerment
- Lesson 2 - Leaders are Communicators
- Lesson 3 - Leadership is Influence
- Lesson 4 - Tests of Leadership
- Lesson 5 - Sustaining the Work
- Lesson 6 - Leadership that Revolutionizes
- Lesson 7 - Attributes of a Good Leader
- Lesson 8 - Levels of Leadership
- Lesson 9 - Integrity of the Leader
- Lesson 10 - Proactivity of the Leader
- Lesson 11 - God's Leadership to Us