



Leadership Development

Discussion Guide | November 24, 2019

John 13:1-17

Questions for Study and Discussion

****Before you begin, please read John 13:1-17 as a group.**

1. Name a leader in your life who influenced you in a big way. Describe their leadership. How did they develop you?
2. In what ways are you a leader? If you don't see yourself as a leader, how does answering this question help you see the influence you can have: "What difference can you make in the life of someone else, that no one else can?"
3. Why can leadership development be ignored or overlooked in churches? Why is leadership development important for churches to be intentional about?
4. Read the following passages. How does each one add something to the place that leadership development has in Christianity?
 - Romans 12:4-8 (look especially at verse 8)
 - 2 Timothy 2:2
 - Ephesians 4:11-12
5. Reflect on John 13:1-5. How does this section establish the authority and power (the leadership!) of Jesus?
6. How does Jesus' ultimate authority express itself in verses 4-5? What surprises you about this?
7. True leadership is expressed in humble service. How does this challenge other notions of power and authority in our culture?
8. Now focus on John 13:12-17. What command does Jesus give His followers here?
9. As we value leadership development, what does John 13:1-17 say about the kind of leaders we want to develop (and the kind of leaders we want to be)?
10. In whatever ways you can influence others (in big ways or small ways), how can you show humble service? (Get specific in your responses!)
11. What we learn in John 13 drives how we value the importance of "Leadership Development" as a church. What are we already doing as a church family to embody this value? Are there ways we can continue to grow in this value as a community of Christ-followers?
12. In what ways can you embody this value personally in your life? What can this look like in your life this coming week?
13. **Challenge: Memorize John 13:14-15:** "14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."