

# Life Group Session: Leadership Essentials

**Key Texts:** Titus 1:5–9; 1 Peter 5:1–4

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## Welcome & Opening

### Setting the Scene:

Over the next few weeks we will be setting up some new leadership teams across the Chase Team and inviting people to prayerfully put forward names for those teams. Dave will explain more about this at our APCMs next Sunday. So this week are going to look at the leadership in the church and look at what Godly leadership might look like to help us in our discernment process.

### Icebreaker:

- What's one leadership quality you admire in someone you know personally?
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## Read the Scriptures

Read the following passages which are both addressing leadership issues for elders in the church:

- Titus 1:5–9
  - 1 Peter 5:1–4
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## Discussion

Choose some questions from those below

### Titus 1:5–9

- What strikes you about Paul's description of an elder in Titus 1:5-9?
- What do you find surprising? Difficult? Challenging?
- What don't you see here that you might expect?
- Why do you think managing one's household is included?
- Why do you think character of the leader is stressed more than competence?

## 1 Peter 5:1–4

- Peter uses the Biblical image of a ‘shepherd leader’. What style of leadership does this particularly imply to you?
  - Do you think this is different from the way leadership is seen in much of the world today? If so, how?
  - What other particular attitudes or behaviours does Peter stress and what might it look like to lead like that today?
  - How did Jesus model this style of leadership in his own life?
  - What promise is given to faithful leaders?
  - How does knowing Jesus is the ultimate leader shape how we lead?
  - What does it mean to lead with eternity in mind?
  - Have you ever experienced unhealthy leadership? What made it that way?
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## Personal Reflection

Ask everyone to reflect quietly, then share if comfortable:

- Where has God already given you influence (where you act as a ‘leader’ e.g. at home, work, church, friendships)?
- Which of these leadership qualities do you feel strongest in right now?
- Which of these do you need to ask God to grow in you?

Offer these things up to God in the quiet.

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## Prayer

Pray for leaders – in our churches, in our town, in our nation, in the world – that they would grow godly character and be the sort of ‘shepherding leaders’ God calls them to be.