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SESSION 1

WHO WILL I FOLLOW?





WELCOME



LARGE GROUP ACTIVITY

Before the video begins, take a moment to answer the following question:

How do I view myself?

1

I'm not
a leader.

2

3

I'm not sure.

4

5

I'm definitely
a leader.



WHY LEADERSHIP MATTERS

As you watch this video, you can use the notes below to follow along.

Leadership matters (whether it's good or bad) because it impacts others' lives.

Definition of a Leader:

Any time you influence the thinking, behavior or development of another person, you're taking on the role of a leader.



LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION



WHO WILL I FOLLOW? (PART 1)



LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION



WHO WILL I FOLLOW? (PART 2)

As you watch this video, you can use the notes below to follow along.

He calls us to use our influence to serve.

(He calls us to lead as He led.)

How well am I leading?

- + Who should I measure myself against?
- + Who should I use for my leadership role model?
 - Parents?
 - Celebrity?
 - Star athlete?
 - Music artist?
 - (Other?)

What about Jesus (as your role model)? He:

- + Changed the course of history.
- + Started a worldwide movement that still exists today.
- + Was the main character in the best-selling book of all time.
- + Built into a team of people.
- + Delegated His mission to them (the Great Commission).
- + Dealt with the same challenges as you and me:
 - o Imperfect people
 - o Rejection
 - o Criticism
 - o People bullied Him
 - o Major temptation
 - o Betrayed by close friends

Transformed Leadership:

- + Leading yourself
- + Leading others in a one-on-one relationship
- + Leading a group or team
- + Leading a community or organization

We're going to focus on leading yourself because our hearts have to be transformed to be like Jesus, and that's the only way we'll be able to lead like Jesus.



LARGE GROUP

We've just said that Jesus should be our leadership role model. When we look at Jesus' life, He was clearly influenced by His Father.

- + John 12:49-50—*For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.*
- + John 14:31—*But he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.*
- + John 15:15—*I no longer call you servants, because servants do not know their master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*



What did Jesus' Father say about His Son?

+ • Matthew 3:17—This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.

Clearly the Father loved Jesus and influenced Him.

The most influential relationship we're called to have is with the Father—just as Jesus did.



SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY: HOW CAN GOD INFLUENCE YOU?

1. Get into groups of 4. (Depending on the number of students, one or more groups of five may be necessary. The person with the longest hair leads.)
2. Read the following scripture passages and then answer the question: What does God say about us?

Psalm 139: 13-16—The Message

*Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out;
you formed me in my mother's womb.*

I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking!

Body and soul, I am marvelously made!

I worship in adoration—what a creation!

You know me inside and out,

you know every bone in my body;

You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit,

how I was sculpted from nothing into something.

Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth;

all the stages of my life were spread out before you,

The days of my life all prepared

before I'd even lived one day.

Ephesians 1:11-12—The Message

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us,



had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

What is God saying about you...us?

3. As a group, brainstorm answers to the question below. Then write down one step you will take and share it with the group.

During your day, when you realize that other people are influencing your choices, what steps can you take to be influenced by the Father instead?

What is one step I can take to be influenced by the Father instead of by others?



LARGE GROUP DEBRIEF

Ideas to help you be influenced by the Father instead of others:

IN CLOSING

Write down one step you want to take in the Takeaway section in the Appendix.