

Learning to Lead

Session Four

Win

✓ Check each item below after you have discussed it with your Leader.

Preparation before you meet with your Leader:

- 1. Read **The Heart of a Servant Leader**. Be prepared to explain why integrity is essential in a leader and the importance of love and trust. Also describe the 4 levels of relationships.
- 2. Read **Win**. Be prepared to share why it is important for our group to reach out.
- 3. Read and complete **People Reaching People**. Be prepared to share with your Leader the names of the people you have selected from your sphere of influence. Also describe the role prayer plays in evangelism.

To be completed with your Leader:

- 4. Each share how God has worked in your life this month.
- 5. Discuss and (✓) check off points 1 through 3 above.

Planning to share with our group this month:

- 6. Copy and give out to each person **People Reaching People**. Share briefly and help our group members prepare (on their own) to identify 7 people they will commit to pray for.

Date _____ Name _____

- 7. Regularly pray for the people they have selected. Decide who will be responsible to keep this before the group.

Name _____

Prayer and Closing:

- 8. Pray for each other and our group members.
- 9. Go over Preparation assignment for Session Five.
- 10. Set a Date _____ Time _____ Place _____
for our next Learning to Lead session.
- 11. Set a Date _____ Time _____ Place _____
for our next Dynamic Sharing training.

The Heart of a Servant Leader

Character development is a development of the heart.

The Process of Ministering to the Heart

To develop the heart we must understand that principles of grace, truth and love minister to and nurture the heart.

We develop inner character (heart) through time and relationships.

“Ministry flows out of relationships”

Al Broom

To develop servant/leader relationships:

1. There must be **love**. John 3:16, kind of love.

“No matter how much you love me, you can only love me to the degree that I let you love me.”

2. There must be **trust**.

“No matter how much you love me, I will only let you love me to the degree that I trust you.”

3. There must be **integrity** for there to be trust.

“Integrity is a principle of the heart. It is the state of being whole - without spot - complete or unbroken.”

Integrity encourages trust from others.

Integrity is the quality of my being that enables me to earn your trust.

Developing Integrity is:

Learning to declare what I can do (and cannot do).

Learning to declare who I am (and who I am not).

Our integrity is constantly being tested.

How Integrity is Tested:

- The challenge will be to an inner conviction.
- God provides a test to which I can respond.
- I respond to the test with integrity or not.
- When I pass the truth (integrity) test God expands my opportunity to pass on truth.
- The heart that lacks integrity never responds well to truth.

Relationships Take Time to Develop

4. The process of relationship maturity.

Level 1 Relationship:

I don't know my needs

I don't know what trusting you means.

You have no access to my life

Level 2 Relationship:

I understand that I have needs.
I'm not sure I can trust you.
You have access to what I want you to see.

Level 3 Relationship:

I want you to meet my needs on my terms.
I'm learning to trust you.
You have limited access to my life.

Level 4 Relationship:

I need you to meet my needs on your terms.
I trust you.
You have access to my life.

- 5. There must be **submission**. Submission is the response to love and trust.
 - Submission is not an equality issue - it is coming under your protection
 - Submission is not an authority issue - it is drawing upon your provision
 - Submission is not a control issue - it is liberation from responsibility

In our Life Group relationships, we must work toward the goal of Level 4 Relationships where there is complete trust and the safe environment where we will allow each other to have access to our lives.

Think of our group. Do we have that Level 4 kind of environment? _____

What could we do to improve our Life Group to have such an environment? _____

* Revised from Leadership Catalyst by Bill Thrall and Dr. Bruce McNicol

Win

To Equip and Motivate People to Reach Others for Christ

Our reason for remaining on this earth as Christians is to reach our world for Christ. The Christian home is one of the most effective tools we have for evangelism in this generation.

“God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”
II Corinthians 5:18

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
Acts 1:8

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.’”
Matthew 28:18-20

Win - Reach Out - Application: (Leader)

- **Model Personal Evangelism**
- Encourage each person to look for opportunities to **help someone** in need
- Encourage regular prayer for the individuals each one has selected in their **Sphere of Influence**
- Encourage each person to **build relationships** with non-Christians
- Encourage each person to **share** his/her **faith with family, friends and neighbours** etc.
- Encourage each person to **invite a friend** to your Life Group or an Outreach Event (pray by name for those being invited)

Some occasions for outreach events are: Games night, stage and musical drama, youth rally, beach party, film night (e.g. “Jesus” film, marriage or parenting), or special occasions like Christmas, Easter, National holidays and sports events.

- Select a missionary, someone supported by your church, denomination or a friend or relative of a group member
 - pray for them regularly
 - correspond with them regularly, by letter, Fax, E-mail or telephone
 - as a group you may want to support them or a National Church Planter they are training
 - visit them if possible
 - your group or your church may want to send a team on a ***Short Term Missions Project**

* For help contact Dynamic Churches International. We would be happy to send you information and help you prepare and train your team to have a very enjoyable and productive Project.

People Reaching People

Note: *The following will help our group members identify their sphere of influence.*

Important Principles for Effectively Influencing Others for Christ

Colossians 4:2-6

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

Your Sphere of Influence - It Is Bigger Than You Think!

You have a sphere of influence that encompasses people you know as well as people you have the potential for knowing. The people you know are in **your direct sphere of influence**. You may have daily contact with some of the people in your direct sphere. With others you may have contact only every few months or even years. People with whom you are not acquainted, but have the possibility of meeting, make up **your potential sphere of influence**. For example, a member of a community group or a friend of a friend would be in your potential sphere of influence.

Examples of Direct Influence

1. Who did Andrew bring to Christ? John 1:35-42 _____
2. Who did Philip bring to Christ? John 1:43-49 _____

Your Direct Sphere of Influence

Most of us do not realize the extent of our influence. Use the formula that follows to estimate the number of non-Christians in your direct sphere of influence.

Relatives + Co-workers + Neighbours + Friends + Acquaintances

_____ + _____ + _____ + _____ + _____

The total of the above is : _____ (Total A)

If 7 of these people received Christ and began to reach their sphere of influence, how many people could you influence through them?

Above (Total A) X 7 = _____ (Total B)

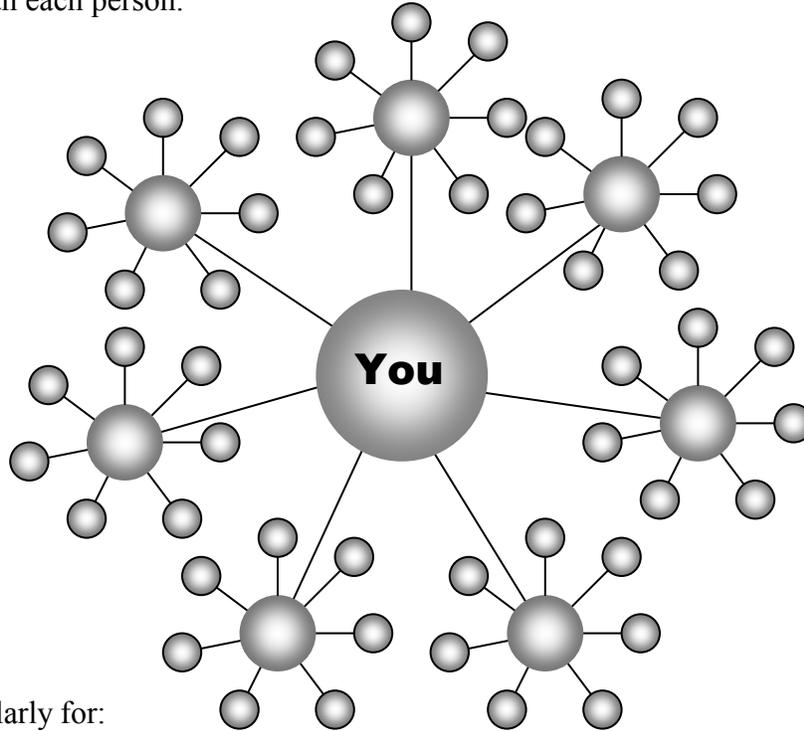
(A) _____ + (B) _____ = _____

Ask God to bring to your mind those whose hearts he is preparing and when He does you need to

realize that He is inviting you to participate with Him in their salvation. One of the first things we need to do is commit ourselves to pray for such individuals.

When we add together the people in our individual **Sphere of Influence**, the total for our group is _____ people!

Prayerfully select 7 people. Begin by praying for one then another as God directs you. Seek to share Christ with each person.



I will pray regularly for:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

When one of these people receives Christ, be sure to help him/her reach their **Sphere of Influence**.

Pray regularly for these individuals in your group time.

Praying For Unsaved Friends

We all have a number of people in our sphere of influence. Some are Christians and some are not. As a group, we have a very large sphere of influence. We need to identify those we individually know who do not yet know Christ so that we can be praying for them and seeking ways to share the gospel with them.

How to Pray for the Lost

There are three directions that our praying should take:

A. Directed against Satan, the power that holds the sinner.

1. Read II Timothy 2:25, 26. The sinner is _____ by the devil.
2. Read II Corinthians 4:3, 4. The sinner is _____ to the gospel.

Two things must happen before a lost person can be saved.

1. Read II Corinthians 10:4. He must be set free from _____.
2. Read I Corinthians 2:4, 5. Who must give enlightenment? _____

Think of a friend or loved one that is resistant to the gospel. How is Satan:

Binding him/her? (e.g.: fear, pride, drugs, music, religion) _____

Blinding him/her? (e.g.: lose friends, no more fun) _____

These are strongholds that can be overcome through intercessory prayer.

B. Directed toward Christians

God prepares a sinner, then He reaches over to a Christian and brings them both together. We need more Christians who are willing to be used by God to share with others.

How did Jesus instruct His disciples in Matthew 9:37, 38? _____

That is the way God operates today.

C. Directed toward our Saviour

Read John 6:44. A lost person will never escape the snare of the devil until God grants repentance. II Tim 2:25, 26

Pray for the Lost

This is the way you ought to pray for the salvation of a person God directs you to. Assert your authority over Satan in the name of Jesus. Satan must obey. He must yield. God will raise up witnesses in answer to your prayers. The Spirit of God will convict and draw the lost person and grant repentance. Jesus will knock at the door of his heart if you will ask Him.

Pause now and pray for that friend or loved one.