

Leaders Lead

¹⁷Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone..."

²²[Do this and it] will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. ²³If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied."

Exodus 18:17-18, 22-23 (NIV84)

Q: What is a leader to do?

Recognize it's not good to do it alone.

Know what needs to be passed on.

Teach what needs to be passed on.

The big picture – the vision, the why.

The task – the goals, the what.

The procedure – the skills, the how.

Release authority to others.

Freedom within boundaries.

Motion: Embrace Leadership

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Deepening Your Walk with God

For the week of April 17, 2016

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at the Taking It Home section and Next Steps from last week, how did last week's sermon cause you to live differently? (Be sure to check out lakeviewowego.com for additional resources for this week's sermon.)

MY STORY

1. In what way are you or how have you been a leader?

2. In what way are you or how have you been led?

DIGGING DEEPER

Freely confess your inability to lead or to follow by your own strength. Pray you will fully embrace your sufficiency in Christ to lead or follow.

1. **Leading and Following.** Read Exodus 18. Think about each of the characters that are listed below and identify how they are leaders and how they were followers in the story.

Jethro:

Moses:

The leaders of thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens:

The people needing disputes handled:

How do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

Regardless of their natural gifting, everyone is involved with both leading and following throughout their lifetimes.

How does society elevate someone leading over someone following? Do you tend to elevate leaders over followers? How?

2. Biblical Teamwork. Read I Corinthians 12:14-27. How do these verses speak to the leader/follower issue?

How has God called you to participate in the church? Would you call it primarily a role as a leader or a follower? In what way might there be elements of both leadership and followership in this role?

3 Following Christ's Leadership. Read John 13:1-17. How can you live out Christ's example from these verses in your daily lives?

How are you leading and how are you following when you do so?

TAKING IT HOME

1. Everyone Follows. Nobody is a leader in all of their relationships. What is one relationship where you are primarily the follower and what is one specific way you can think or act differently in that relationship that will allow you to grow as a follower?

2. Everyone Leads. Everybody plays a leadership role in some of their relationships. What is one relationship where you are primarily the leader and what is one specific way you can think or act differently that will allow others to follow in a Biblical, Christ-centered way?

NEXT STEPS

Which of these NEXT STEPS will you do in order to fully embrace the role God has called you to in the church.

- Become a follower of Christ by placing your faith in Him.
- Follow Christ's example of baptism. (May 1st)
- Embrace the role as a leader God has called you to.
- Embrace the role as a follower God has called you to.
- Be a servant leader with others in my family.
- Lead by exemplifying Christ in my relationship with my neighbors.
- Your Next Step: _____

PRAYER REQUESTS

