

SESSION 7: NOTES FOR LEADING

BIG IDEA: Leverage your authority for the benefit of those under your authority.

TO PREPARE TO LEAD THIS SESSION:

- Read Mark 10:32-44.
- Pray that you and your group members continue to develop humility and servants' hearts as you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

DISCUSSION STARTER

This is a light question that will also allow you and your group members to start to think about what makes a great leader great.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Talk about a leader in your life—a parent, boss, or coach—who has had a big influence over you. What about that leader made him or her special?**

This question is similar to the Discussion Starter, but it takes things out of the realm of famous leaders and into the realm of those who have personally influenced your lives.

- 2. Have you ever been under the authority of a poor leader? If so, what did it cost you?**

Keep in mind that you're exploring, directly or indirectly, the qualities that make great leaders.

3. Great leaders ask the question, "What can I do to help?"

Do you agree? How does that statement challenge your assumptions about leadership?

Allow room for your group members to disagree with the message. It's okay if they dissent. In fact, it can improve the quality and helpfulness of the group discussion.

4. In what ways do you live for your own name and your own glory? What have you gained from approaching life that way? What has it cost you?

5. Over whom do you have authority at work or at home? In light of Andy's teaching, in what ways can you change your current approach to leading?

6. Think about someone you lead. What is one thing you can you do this week to leverage your authority for that person's benefit? What can this group do to support you?

The final three questions lead toward personal application. For some people, it's obvious in which realms of life they lead as well as whom they lead. Others may have to think about where they've been given leadership responsibilities. Either way, nearly every adult plays the role of a leader in some area of life.