 **Leadership** **Lesson 1**

Influence

*Various Passages*

The Crisis of Leadership- Is there a shortage of leaders?

* Recognize the need for leadership.
* Rethink the desire for leadership.

Clarifying Leadership- What exactly is true leadership?

* What leadership is not…
  + Leadership is not just personality.
  + Leadership is not just skills or gifting.
  + Leadership is not just a position or power.
  + Leadership is not just popularity.
  + Leadership is not just seniority.
* Defining leadership[[1]](#footnote-1)
  + *Oswald Sanders*: "Leadership is influence, the ability of one person to influence others to follow his or her lead.”
  + *Bernard Montgomery*: “Leadership is the capacity and will to rally men and women to a common purpose, and the character which inspires confidence.”
  + *Li Hung Chang*: “There are only three kinds of people—those who are immovable, those who are movable, and those who move them!”
  + *President Truman*: "A leader is a person who has the ability to get others to do what they don't want to do, and like it."
  + *Brian Trainer*: “Influencing people by providing purpose, direction, and motivation, while operating to accomplish the mission and improve the organization.”[[2]](#footnote-2)
  + *D*.*E. Hoste*: “It occurs to me that perhaps the best test of whether one is qualified to lead, is to find out whether anyone is following.”
* Christian leadership is following Christ and influencing others to follow Him.

“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.”

1 Corinthians 11:1

The Core of Biblical Leadership- What does God say leadership should be?

* True leadership is sacrificial (Mark 10:38).
* True leadership is sovereignly selected (Mark 10:40).
* True leadership is servanthood (Mark 10:43-45).

Cultivating your Leadership- What would it take for you to become a leader?

* Influence others by leveraging your relationships.
* Influence others through selfless service.
* Influence others through growing character.
* Influence with honorable ambition.
* Influence through divine appointment.
* Influence through enduring suffering.

**Prayer**

**Scripture**: I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

John 15:5

**Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:**

* Single Focus (Connect, Grow, Serve)
  + Midwest Young Adults Conference
  + Community over the summer season
* Cross Impact IUPUI, Purdue, Ball State, and UIndy (potential at other campuses)
* Sunday Soul-Winning Efforts

**Specific Requests:**

* Jack Elms, Kendall Elms, Jesiah Achenbach, and Max Garcia in military training/service
* Joseph LaPointe’s back and spirit
* Jessica’s Unsaved friend in Mormonism
* Ian’s unsaved family
* James as he recovers from his diabetic episode and financial implications (Hau’s friend)
* Pastor Jonah Scott (Andy’s friend in WI) still fighting the infection that caused sepsis. Lots of ups and downs right now: praying to be home by the end of June. ***Update****: Came home last Saturday!*
* Those heading out for the summer to camps and other ministries and jobs: Joel Montgomery, Emma Reasen, John Barfield, Steven Platt, Ashlyn Moritz

**Announcements:**

* Sunday, June 9- **SNF at the Knoedler’s home**- *please bring a side or drink*
* Missions Trip- July 19-21 (Due date to sign up, **June 12**)
* Romshe Scholarship
* Involvement this Summer (Sunday Morning Bible Study, Wednesdays, coffee bar)

**Order of Service for tonight:**

* **Opening Game**: Lemonade- True or False Facts- Colin Elms
* **Opener**: Colin Elms
* **Songs**:
  + Day by Day (p. 150)
  + Great is Thy Faithfulness (p. 134)
* **Announcements**: Pastor Andy
* **Message**: Pastor Andy
* **Prayer**: Colin Elms

1. Unless stated otherwise, the definitions below come from “Spiritual Leadership” by Oswald Sanders, chapter 4. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Provided in his university course entitled, “Christian Life 3: Leadership.” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)