

RESOURCES: AN ANNOTATED LIST OF SKETCHES OF LEADERSHIP

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Sketches of Leadership is a series of training modules. They follow a two-page model of leadership training from scripture that is meant to be used in student training settings with a minimum of 45 minutes up to about 90 minutes in the training setting. These are modular and independent units, not reliant on other parts of the curriculum, with no need to follow any order or pattern.

1. **God as Shepherd:** Psalm 23, John 10:1-5, 10-15. We cannot be a shepherd if we do not have a shepherd. Good and bad models of shepherding. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5039>
2. **Call of a Shepherd:** John 21:15-19, Ezekiel 34:1-6. To love Jesus means to feed his sheep, to lay down our lives, to follow Jesus. We care for the flock not because we have been selected as leaders, but as a consequence of our desire to follow Jesus. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5040>
3. **Leader Leads by Serving:** Mark 1:40-44, Mark 5:24-34. Jesus heals the leper and the woman with the flow of blood. Characteristics of a servant: sensitivity, willingness, ability. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5041>
4. **Leader Serves by Leading:** John 13:1-17. Insight and Foresight. Our ability to serve is limited by what we are able to see. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5042>
5. **Leader Serves by Leading:** Mark 10:41-45. Why be a servant? Others' needs are met, we are blessed, God is glorified, when we serve others with God's resources. Servant leadership is a tool (a means) and a model (an end). It is both how we build trust and what we call people to. Two types of leadership abuse. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5043>
6. **Transformative Influence 1:** John 1:35-51, John 4:27-27. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5044>
7. **Transformative Influence 2:** John 15:1-17, John 21:15-19. These two studies form a unit, focusing on Jesus' model of discipleship influence, following a flow: Living Example, Provocative Teacher, Supportive Coach, Ultimate Delegator. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5045>
8. **Leader as Sentinel:** Ezekiel 33:1-9, Hebrews 3:12-14. Examining the role of exhortation and defining it for today. Exhortation is helping people to reject the lies they've believed by debunking the lies of sin. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5046>
9. **The Sentinel in Conflict:** 1 Samuel 25:14-35. A great picture of a sentinel, Abigail, who, upon hearing the warnings of a literal sentinel telling her of an approaching army, goes to David and meekly but boldly confronts him regarding the evil he has intended toward her house. A great study of conflict resolution. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5047>

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10. **Leadership Styles:** Mark 1:17-19, 35-38; Mark 4:10-13, 24-25; Mark 6:6-13, 30; Matt 28:18-20. Situational Leadership Insights from the ministry of Jesus. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5048>
11. **Relationship with God:** Psalm 50:7-15, Isaiah 64:4, Luke 12:35-38, Acts 17:22-25. Introduces the Image of the Doctor. God is the worker, the doctor, we are the patients. Ministry is like the sacrificial system: it is not something we do for God, but something God does for us. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5049>
12. **Motivation for Discipleship:** Mark 8:34-38, Mark 10:28-31, Mark 10:41-45. The paradox promises in the gospel: If you want life, lose it. If you want security, leave it. If you want to be great, become a servant. Jesus did all these things, and he calls us to the life he lived, for the same reasons. We are created to want these things. Ministry is the life-losing, security-leaving, servant-path-following way to receive from God the things we deeply desire, in a paradoxical life of faith. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5050>
13. **Why did Jesus go to the Cross?:** Mark 10:41-45, Hebrews 12:1-2, Philippians 2:1-11. A look at three passages that give interlocking answers to the question asked: Jesus died as a ransom for many, for the joy set before him, to the glory of God the father. All three passages emphasize that we are to have the same attitude he did. An invitation into a costly discipleship. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5051>
14. **The Heart of a Shepherd:** 1 Peter 5:1-4. Deals with a short passage written to shepherds who are encouraged to look after God's flock with his heart, from sincere motives rather than seeking dishonest gain, and a humble rather than harsh manner. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/6128>
15. **Ambition and the Kingdom:** Matthew 6:31-33, Mark 10:41-45, Luke 14:7-11; 1 Tim 3:1; James 3:13-16. Looks at several brief NT passages that deal with or illustrate positive and negative examples of ambition. Contrasts worldly and godly ambition, defining each and giving lots of brief case examples to illustrate the differences. Frees Christian students who often recognize their own ambition only to feel guilty about it. Jesus doesn't ask us to deny our ambition, but to pursue it through service! <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/6129>
16. **The Leadership of Aaron and Moses:** Exodus 32:1-29. Contrasts Aaron's willingness to help the people make a golden calf with Moses' willingness to take an unpopular but right stand for God. Do we help people accomplish their own ends, or call them to God's purposes? A study in contrast of two leadership styles. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/6130>

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17. **The Authentic Jesus:** Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 10:42-45. Looks at a surprising reception for Jesus as he enters Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, and contrasts typical misconceptions or caricatures of Jesus with the authentic picture of a gentle, capable servant. Do the students on our campuses get a chance to be challenged by the authentic Jesus through our depiction of him? When have we seen a (godly) commotion stirred up by the actions of Jesus' followers on our campus? <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/6131>
18. **The Leader and Burnout:** 1 Kings 19:1-18. It seems odd that after Elijah's great power encounter on Mt. Carmel he has a depression that takes him to Mt. Horeb. After a great victory he was burdened to the point of burnout. This study shows God's gentle but firm prescription for Elijah to return from burnout through a renewed call to ministry and the gift of ministry partnership. Elijah is not, as he fears, alone! <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/6132>
19. **The Reluctant Leader:** Exodus 2-4 verses. This study shows the calling of Moses, and reminds us all that even people through whom God will one day work mightily have excuses and fears, and that God is patient with our fears and has answers for our excuses. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/6133>
20. **Faith in Failure:** Mark 9:14-29, Romans 8:18-27. Jesus disciples are brought a boy to heal, but they cannot do it. Paul comments on the suffering and futility of our lives and contrasts these with the glory yet to come. The teaching focuses on learning from failure rather than fleeing it or passing over it too quickly. Jesus points to the answer: for this, prayer is necessary. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/6134>
21. **Leadership of King David:** 1 Chronicles 29:1-14. A look at David as a visionary leader, distilling principles of vision leadership from his invitation to give resources for the building of the temple. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5052>
22. **Standing in the Gap:** Prayer and Planning: Nehemiah 1:1-2:8. A look at Nehemiah as a man of prayer and a man of planning, and the relationship between those two. Nehemiah sees the situation around him differently than others do, which prompts him both to pray and to act boldly to address the needs he sees. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5053>
23. **Leading with Vision:** Haggai 1:1-15. When the vision is obscured by the inevitable difficulties that come, do we reinterpret the call of God on our own terms, or do we persevere and see the vision accomplished? An invitation to persevere when things become difficult. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5054>
24. **Gaining God's Heart for the Campus:** Jonah 3:10-4:11. God's concern for the (120,000) Ninevites' is understandable, but God also has deep concern for Jonah that he would welcome God's mercy to people who have repented. This study emphasizes God's concern for all the lost, whether the sinners who repent or the prophets who resent them. <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5055>

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25. **Praying with your Eyes Open:** 2 Kings 6:8-23, John 4:30-35. When we pray with our eyes open, we see beyond ourselves, beyond our own petty needs, beyond our own fears that God cannot or will not save us, to larger needs and larger ways in which God is mightily at work in the world. Visionary prayer resource.
<http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5056>
26. **Preparing for Growth:** 2 Kings 4:1-7. A short study of faith—preparing for God to do the miracle of bringing growth. How much faith do we have? How much effort will we undertake to prepare for growth and new life in our fellowships?
<http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/5057>
27. **Jesus at Prayer in Luke:** nine short passages from Luke. This is a simple study meant to highlight the relationship between prayer, ministry, and leadership, both for Jesus and for us as his followers.
<http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/6135>
28. **Entrust to Faithful People:** Mark 3:7-19; 2 Timothy 2:1-2, 14-15. A classic study of leadership selection, focusing on character (faithfulness and responsiveness, for example) rather than typical leadership traits (decisiveness and charisma, for example).
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