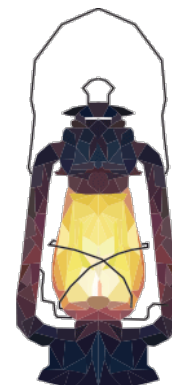


# #9

# COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP



A mature Christian stands up in their community. They are not swept along by the crowd, but have the courage to be different and to stand boldly for God. With the capacities and opportunities given, they humbly lead by example, taking responsibility for group behaviour and serving as culture-makers in the communities they are part of.

## CHARACTER TO CULTIVATE

### AFFECTIONS



Q1 *In what ways are you experiencing...*

- LOVE FOR COMMUNITY**, people connecting together.
- LOVE FOR INVESTING IN OTHERS**, building their capacity.

Q2 *What false idols might be getting in the way?*

### THOUGHTS



Q3 *How is God helping you to develop...*

- LEADERSHIP MINDSET**, service, responsibility, dependence.
- GROWTH MINDSET**, lifting sights, activating change.

Q4 *What unhelpful thinking is tripping you up?*

### PRAYERS



Q5 *Do you experience...*

- PRAYERS FOR BOLD FAITH**, ready to stand up for Him.
- PRAYERS FOR CHANGE**, knowing God can break through .

Q6 *What makes it hard for you to pray this way?*

### BEHAVIOURS



Q7 *Are you seeing growth in these marks of godliness...*

- MODELLING**, setting an example & expecting to be followed.
- ENABLING**, empowering and resourcing others to serve.

Q8 *In what contexts is this hardest for you?*

## TRAINING EXPERIENCES

9.1

### READ & DISCUSS

Work through a recommended Bible study or book, planning accountability & action steps.

9.2

### MINISTRY DESIGN

Follow [MTS Exercise 2.05, "Design a ministry program"](#)

9.3

### SERVICE LEADING

Follow [MTS Exercise 6.06, "Lead a Church Meeting"](#)

9.4



He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.





COLOSSIANS 2:8

## CONVICTIONS TO DEVELOP






<b>1. GOD</b>	Trinity & Person of God	Divine Attributes	Evidence for God	Answering the Problem of Evil		
<b>2. CREATION</b>	Created Order & Goodness	Providence & Common Grace	Christianity & Science	Christianity & Conservation	Christianity & the Arts	Christianity & Industry
<b>3. HUMANITY</b>	Image of God	Gender and Sexuality	Work & Worship	Sin, Curse & Depravity	Christianity & Psychology	Christianity & Technology
<b>4. JUDGMENT</b>	Holiness & Divine Wrath	Satan & Demonic Power	Hell & Eternal Judgment	The Fate of the Lost	Powerlessness of Religion	
<b>5. SCRIPTURE</b>	Necessity of Revelation	Bible as God's Word	Interpretation via Gospel	OT Fulfilment in Christ	Bible Reliability	Power of the Gospel
<b>6. CHRIST</b>	Eternal Sonship	Full Humanity & Full Divinity	Perfect Obedience	Substitutionary Atonement	Implications of Resurrection	Historicity of Jesus
<b>7. NEW CREATION</b>	Reign & 2nd Coming	Heaven & Restoration	Kingdom of God	Tension of Now-Not-Yet	Ethics & Decision-making	
<b>8. HOLY SPIRIT</b>	Spirit of the Son	Indwelling of Believers	Gifts for Ministry	Error of Experientialism		
<b>9. SALVATION</b>	Knowing the Gospel	Predestination & New Birth	Repentance & Faith	Justification & Assurance	Sanctification & Ongoing Sin	Trials & Perseverance
<b>10. CHURCH</b>	Body of Christ & Household	Baptism & Membership	Communion & Unity	Ministry & Service	Local & Global Mission	

## RESOURCES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

### BIBLE STUDIES

-  **Bible Books to Read and Carefully Meditate on**  
MARK, 1 CORINTHIANS, 2 TIMOTHY, ISAIAH
-  **Leading One Another** (Leadership, IX Marks)  
Explore a Biblical foundation for leadership.
-  **Run the Race** (2 Timothy, Matthias Media)  
Works through 2 Timothy as a manual for Christian ministry.
-  **Two Cities** (Isaiah, Matthias Media)  
Establishes a vision for the Kingdom of God brought about through the work of the gospel.

### BOOKS & ARTICLES

-  **The Book on Leadership** (John MacArthur)  
Explore 26 characteristics of the a true leader, learning lessons from the apostle Paul.
-  **Mission Minded** (Peter Bolt)  
How to get out of maintenance mode and help make church ministries intentional and missional.
-  **The Trellis and the Vine** (Marshall)  
A grid for thinking about the priorities of Christian ministry and evaluating the effectiveness of existing structures.
-  **UnCorinthian Leadership** (David Starling)  
An exploration of Christian leadership drawing lessons from 1 Corinthians.
-  **Deliberate Church** (Mark Dever)  
A framework for thinking about the goals and structures of Church ministry and how leaders give these shape.