

Ten Absolutely Essential Lessons to Rise to the Next Level of Ministry Leadership

All leaders fall into ministry ruts and fail to see blind spots that may be obvious to others. In this seminar, we will learn very practical, powerful and biblical lessons that can change the course of your life and ministry. This session will help you identify best leadership practices and ways to incorporate them.

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Section #1

I. Listen to Outside Objective Opinions (Exodus 18:13-14)

- A. Fresh Perspectives can be Life Changing
- B. We all have Blind Spots
- C. Get out of Ruts and Listen to Wisdom (Ecclesiastes 4:6, Psalm 127:2)
- D. Listen when people ask "What" and "Why" Questions

II. Everything Shouldn't Revolve Around You (Exodus 18:15-16)

- A. Have Ears to Hear (Proverbs 12:15)
- B. Too Many I's and Me's and Not Enough Us's and We's

Section #2

III. There's Always Room for Improvement (Exodus 18:17-18a)

- A. Distinguish What is Good
- B. Be Willing to Change / Improve
- C. Understand the Consequences (Exodus 18:18a)

IV. Stop Trying to Do it Alone (Exodus 18:18b)

A. Time to be Honest

B. Time to be Humble (John 15:5, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

Section #3

V. Educate (Exodus 18:19b-20)

A. Educate Yourself (Proverbs 12:15)

B. Educate Others

VI. Delegate (Exodus 18:21)

A. Select Them (1 Samuel 14:52)

B. Place Them

VII. Empower (Exodus 18:21b-22a)

A. To Place Them is to Empower Them

B. To Empower Them is to Trust Them (Ephesians 4:11-12)

Section #4

VIII. Focus (Exodus 18:22a-b)

A. Serve in Your Area of Greatest Giftedness

B. Focus and Simplify

IX. Extend (Exodus 18:22c-23)

A. Share the Burden

B. Lengthen Your Leadership (Ecclesiastes 9:9-10, 12b)

C. Keep the Peace

X. Just Do it (Exodus (18:24-27))

A. It Will be Worth It

B. Make the Changes