

Case Study: How Do I Manage My Boss?

Anyone who is not the CEO of their organization has a boss. Thus one of the greatest struggles most leaders have is how to manage upward. How do leaders get the clarity, guidance, and perspective that they need to work excellently with their boss? How do you initiate and establish a healthy relationship with your superior to let you work with excellence? This session involves a case study led by David Sveen that allows you to examine the issue of managing your boss, discuss it in small groups and hear from a panel of experts, including David Sveen, John Stevens, and Luder Whitlock.

David Sveen is the President of Cedarstone Partners, Inc. He earned his BS in Business from Northern Illinois University in 1978 and his MBA from DePaul University in 1986. In 1994 he earned his MA in Educational Ministries from Wheaton Graduate School and in 2004 his PhD in Theological Education from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. His professional background includes 13 years in senior management with investment banking firm Griffin, Kubik, Stephens, and Thompson, as well as an adjunct assistant professorship of Christian Formation and Ministry at Wheaton College since 1995. He also coordinates the Summer Tutorial Program for Central and Eastern European Scholars and Christian Leaders at Wheaton College. In 1993, he founded Cedarstone Partners, Inc. and currently oversees its consulting practice. He serves as a trustee of the Domanada Foundation, and also serves as a board member for International Sports Ministry and the Trust Company of Illinois. Dave and his wife, Kriste, have five children and make their home in Wheaton, Illinois.

John Stevens is the National Director of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches, a family of over 500 Bible-centred churches in the UK, a position that he has held since 2010. Prior to this he was one of the founding pastors of City Evangelical Church Birmingham, which was planted in the centre of the UK's 2nd largest city in 1999. He was instrumental in starting the Midlands Gospel Partnership, was the course Director of the Midlands Ministry Training Course and is a visiting lecturer at Oak Hill Theological College. John is also one of the pastors of Christchurch Market Harborough, a church he helped to plant when he took up his current role. He was converted whilst studying law at Cambridge University, and after taking a post-graduate degree at the University of Oxford worked for 16 years as a University Lecturer, ending his career as Deputy Head of the Law School at the University of Birmingham. John is married to Ursula and they have four children aged between 12 and 7. He blogs at www.john-stevens.com on theology, church life and ministry, culture and politics.

Luder Whitlock is the Executive Director of The CNL Charitable Foundation, the Seneff Family Foundation, and President of Excelsis. He was a former pastor and is President Emeritus of Reformed Theological Seminary, a position he held for 23 years. For many years Dr. Whitlock has served various organisations related to theological education, through participation on boards and advisory boards, including eight years as president/chairman of the Fellowship of Evangelical Seminary Presidents. His years of ministry have been marked by an effort to bring mutual understanding and cooperation within the worldwide evangelical community. That led him to serve on several mission-minded boards, including the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization. He also helped establish Life Work Leadership, a highly successful model for training emerging leaders in a city. For several years, in a successful turnaround effort, he served as Executive Director of The Trinity Forum, an organisation that provides learning resources and experiences for thousands of business and professional executives. Dr. Whitlock is a graduate of the University of Florida, Westminster Theological Seminary, and Vanderbilt University. He and his wife, Mary Lou, have three children and 11 grandchildren.