

AUGUST 2020 Champions Discussion Guide

Care

- How have you grown as a leader?
- What activities have enhanced your relationship with Jesus?
- How can we pray for you?

Communicate

- **Celebrate** // What are you personally celebrating?
- **Small Group Leaders Online Vision Night** // Sunday, August 30 at 6pm
- **Fall Small Group Semester** //September 5–December 11. Please tell us your Small Group Plans for the Fall. [Click here](#) or check your email or text from July 27 and August 3, respectively.
- **Leadership Podcast** // Text PODCAST to 25827 to get it sent to you bi-monthly on Monday morning.
- **Next Steps** // Steps 1, 2, and 3 are now offered online and in person.
- **Freedom Weekend** //August 21-22 – ONLINE Event

Coach

Leadership is more important now than ever. In fact, one of our core values is **BUILDING LEADERS**. This means as a church and a champions team, we teach and train others who in turn teach and train others. This core value lived out is essential to fulfilling the great commission Jesus gave to us as followers of Him. In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus clearly commanded the disciples to carry out the great Commission. It says, in *Matthew 28:19*, *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*,

Therefore, as servant leaders, we should always be striving to fulfill the great commission and sharpen our leadership skills in the process. So, this month during our Champions meeting time, we ask that you walk your team through these practices that characterize traits of great servant leaders. The qualities listed below have been adapted from an article written by Dan Reiland entitled, [Top 10 Practices of the Best Leaders I Know](#). You can click on the link to access the entire article if you like.

Please use these points to discuss the importance of being and or becoming a great leader while fulfilling the Great Commission.

Discussion Questions:

5 things Difference Makers do:

1. Stay People-focused

- People are *why we do what we do*.
- *“Love your neighbor as yourself”* Matthew 22:39
- Describe some ways that you demonstrate being “People Focused”.

2. Be solution-oriented

- In today's challenges, it is very likely we will encounter problems. However, with God's grace and wisdom, He will provide us solutions.
- *"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault."* James 1:5
- What problems can you solve and how should you go about it?

3. Keep learning

- *"Leaders are readers."* – Difference Makers live with a growth mindset.
- *Romans 12:2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*
- What are you currently doing to learn? When was the last time you learned something new for the first time?

4. Fight for Unity

- Spiritual family will carry you further than you can go on your own.
- *"You're not nearly as good as you look on your own."* Jason Robinson
- *Psalms 133 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! ² It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. ³ It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.*
- Can you identify 2-3 people in your life that you would consider to be your spiritual family?

5. Build people

- Without people being obedient to Jesus's great commandment, we would not be here today.
- *Matthew 28:18-20 "Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*
- Who are we building? How do you identify someone to build?

Action Steps:

1. Which 1-2 of these leadership principles are you doing well?
2. Which 1-2 need some improvement?

For more practical tips of hosting your best small group ever, You can access the Host Training videos at ChurchoftheKing.com/smallgroups.

Prayer

*If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land. — **2 CHRONICLES 7:14 (NKJV)** —*

Are there any personal needs or concerns that we can pray for as a team? Allow time for prayer requests.