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EXTENDING LEADERSHIP COURSE

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SESSION TWO:

EXTENDING LEADERSHIP IS
INFLUENTIAL

LEADERSHIP IS INFLUENCE

- (President Theodore Roosevelt) 'The leader leads, and the boss drives.'
- *John 10:4 (ESV) When he (the shepherd, v2) has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.*

LEADERSHIP IS INFLUENCE

- (John Maxwell) 'Leadership is not about titles, positions or flow charts. It's about one life influencing others.'
- (John Maxwell) 'A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way.'

1 - LEADERSHIP AND INFLUENCE IN THE BIBLE STORY

- Creation
- *Genesis 1:26-27 (ESV) 26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

- *Genesis 3:1-7 (ESV) 1 Now the serpentsaid to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.*

- *Isaiah 61:10-11 (ESV) 10 ...God... has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.11 For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.*
- *Matthew 10:1 (ESV) 1 And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.*

2- HOW TO INFLUENCE PEOPLE IN A GODLY WAY - THE EXAMPLE OF EZRA

Biblical influence

- *Ezra 7:6 (ESV) ...Ezra ... was a scribe skilled in the Law of Moses that the Lord, the God of Israel, had given...*
- *Ezra 7:10 (ESV) 10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.*
- Biblical > thinking > living > teaching

Divine influence

Ezra 7:6 (ESV)... and the king granted him all that he asked, for the hand of the Lord his God was on him.

Ezra 7:9 ... he came to Jerusalem, for the good hand of his God was on him...

Ezra 7:28 I took courage, for the hand of the Lord my God was on me,

- *Ezra 8:18And by the good hand of our God on us, they brought us a man of discretion...*
- *Ezra 8:31 Then we departed from the river Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go to Jerusalem. The hand of our God was on us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and from ambushes by the way.*

- Prayerful influence

- *Ezra 8:23 (ESV) So we fasted and implored our God for this, and he listened to our entreaty.*

- *Ezra 8:31 (ESV) ...The hand of our God was on us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and from ambushes by the way.*

3 - AN EXAMPLE OF A DAILY DEVOTION TO BECOME AN INFLUENCER FOR GOD

- Confession of sin
- Prayer for the Holy Spirit
- Read God's Word
- Praise, Thanksgiving, Petition
- Urgent Requests

- Focus-Day Requests

Sunday: Our church services

Monday: Relatives

Tuesday: South Africa

Wednesday: Friends

Thursday: Christian leaders & CLCB Staff and Elders

Friday: Lost and unchurched

Saturday: Our local church

- Operation World Mission Focus for the day
(Download Operation World App)
- Prayer in Tongues for 15 minutes

GROUP TIME

1. Discuss what you think of how identity and influence are restored by the good news of Jesus righteousness and kingdom.
2. Discuss what you think of how influence is about being people of both the Word (believed, studied and applied) and the Spirit (coming powerfully upon us).
3. Share about how prayer increases our influence, and share how we can grow as people of prayer.