# Christian Leadership

## Module/Week 1: Christian Leadership Overview

Defining Christian Leadership

1. Why is Christian Leadership Important?
   1. “Leadership is crucial because its style determines organisational culture – “How we do things around here” and so it sets the values and environment that influence behaviour.  Leadership also establishes the vision that sets the direction of an organisation and leads people on the journey to achieve it. So if, as Christians, we bring the world’s leadership philosophies to bear in a church or Christian organisation, we are actually impoverishing the testimony and witness of the Kingdom by infecting its values, environment, and goals with those of the world.” (Christian-Leadership.org, Claybury International)6
2. Defining Christian Leadership
   1. First: How do others define “leadership” in general?
      1. “Leadership is influence, nothing more nothing less.” (John Maxwell)3
         1. “John C. Maxwell, the #1 New York Times bestselling author, coach, and speaker who has sold more than thirty million books, has been identified as the #1 leader in business by the American Management Association and the world’s most influential leadership expert by Business Insider and Inc. magazines. Dr. Maxwell has also received the Mother Teresa Prize for Global Peace and Leadership from the Luminary Leadership Network. His organizations—the John Maxwell Company, the John Maxwell Team, EQUIP, and the John Maxwell Leadership Foundation—have trained millions of leaders from every nation in the world4.”
      2. “The only definition of a leader is someone who has followers.” (Peter Drucker)2
         1. “Peter F. Drucker (1909-2005) was considered the top management thinker of his time. He authored over 25 books, with his first, The End of Economic Man published in 1939. His ideas have had an enormous impact on shaping the modern corporation. One of his most famous disciples alive today is Jack Welch. He was a teacher, philosopher, reporter and consultant5.”
      3. “Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.” (Warren Bennis)
   2. How Others define Christian Leadership
      1. “*Christian leadership is a dynamic relational process in which people, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, partner to achieve a common goal - it is serving others by leading and leading others by serving*1.”
      2. *“Christian leadership is a process of influencing a community to use their God-given gifts toward a goal and purpose as led by the Holy Spirit*2*.”*
   3. Examples from the Bible
      1. Matthew 20:25-27 (NIV)
         1. **25**Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. **26**Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, **27**and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— **28**just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
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