# Session 9

# LEADERSHIP FOCUSES ON THE KINGDOM AND LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY

*The GOAL: Leadership is Kingdom focused.* Leadership chooses the eternal over the temporal gain. (Matthew 6:19-20) They give their life to people. (Isaiah 54:2-3)

**1. KINGDOM and ETERNITY: Leadership partners with God in His purposes.** We seek <u>God's</u> <u>Kingdom first and glorify Him</u>. (Matthew 6:33) Only in eternity we will have true reward. Leadership doesn't focus on building organizations that are great; these are only a means to God's end, which is to help people know Him and to bring Him glory. (Isaiah 43:4, 7)

## A Kingdom Perspective Will Challenge and Shape Us.

**2. GOSPEL: The Great Commandment engages the Great Commission.** We reach the lost (Luke 19:10) and <u>make disciples of all nations.</u> (Matthew 28:19-20) Invest spiritually in others. Develop a vision for the world. Leadership is personally engaged in the ministry of evangelism and discipleship. They see their world (relationships, work, play) as opportunities to share the Gospel or help others grow to maturity.

#### MAKE DISCIPLES. Be engaged in Christ's Great Commission.

We must be committed to <u>making disciples of all nations</u>. (Matthew 28:19-20) Invest spiritually in others. Develop a vision for the world. Be engaged in God's Kingdom, not building your own. (Isaiah 58:10) Always be sharing the Gospel – EVANGELISM, this is not optional. How are you evangelizing and making disciples?

## 3. A NEXT GENERATION FOCUS:

**Develop the next generation and leave a legacy.** Do this by personal involvement and guidance. Go deep with a few. Have an attitude of investing and building up others. (Galatians 4:19) Leadership doesn't compete, compare, count, and control, but rather serves, invests, and leaves a legacy. (1Thessalonians 2:8)

#### Multiply future leaders by helping them with a growth plan and in a relational process. Position spiritual leaders in ministry, business, and the home. Pray for the growth and development of the future leaders

**THE BIG IDEA:** Leadership is never about self or your own organization exclusively. It must always keep God's Kingdom in view.

#### PRACTICAL TAKEAWAY -

Leaders must be responsible for the actions and outcomes of the team. Leaders need to step up while the team members work together as equals and watch out each other's best interests.

"People do not choose to become spiritual leaders. Spiritual leadership flows out of a person's vibrant, intimate relationship with God."

Henry Blackaby

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