

## **The End of Leadership**

Asking the question, “Is your personal leadership pure or polluted?” this session will evaluate and compare the effectiveness of secular leadership values to gospel-centered values. Outcomes: 1) Be able to critique current leadership trends in society at large, including in the church, 2) Compare secular leadership values to gospel-centered values using Paul’s example with the Corinthian church, and 3) Identify gospel-centered leadership values for personal growth and development.

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*Field of Study: Personal Development, Basic. Group Live. Session is worth 1.5 credits*

In this session, we will:

- Reflect on and discuss leadership failures you have personally witnessed or know about either in work or church life.
- Discuss Barbara Kellerman’s assessment of leadership as an *industry* and her assessment that the leadership industry has failed to do what it has claimed to do (from *The End of Leadership*).
- Reflect on and discuss Paul’s ministry to the Corinthian church (from David Starling’s book, *UnCorinthian Leadership*.)
- Consider how Paul’s example motivates one to live a gospel-centered life.
- Look at Richard Stearn’s book, *Lead Like it Matters to God*, which demonstrates gospel-centered leadership values that are often contrary to the values of secular society.

Questions we will ask for discussion and reflection:

- Why are so many leaders failing in our society, even in the church, when there is so much attention given to training leaders and teaching leadership? Do we really know that leadership training is effective?
- To what extent do Christian leaders appropriate secular leadership values which are at times antithetical to the gospel?
- How aware are you of appropriating secular values? How has this impacted your leadership in a detrimental way?
- How can Paul’s example motivate you to live a gospel-centered life?
- Where have you witnessed a godly leader leading with the right message and as an example, like Paul? What impact has that leader had on you and others?
- Discuss the impact of witnessing leader failure vs. leader faithfulness and wisdom.
- From Richard Stearn’s book, *Lead Like it Matters to God*, which gospel-centered traits are difficult for you to live by? Why?