



How do churches develop leaders who are growing in their love for Jesus and their ability to serve with excellence? This course will help learners grow as Christian leaders and give them practical tools for helping others in their leadership development. Learners will explore how to strengthen six key Christian leadership practices: 1) cultivating a growing relationship with God, 2) developing godly character, 3) discerning and living out personal calling, 4) growing deep community, 5) building healthy teams, and 6) strengthening key leadership skills.



COURSE OUTCOMES

This course will help learners:

- Appraise their personal strengths and growth areas particularly related to their ability to lead.
- Help to design a robust Rule of Life that will encourage long-term sustainable growth.
- Assess their own style of leadership and help assess their ministries for strengths and weaknesses.

RECOMMENDED READS

- *A Work of Heart* by Reggie McNeal.
- Recommended Assessments: *Emotional Intelligence 2.0*; *StrengthsFinder 2.0*; *The Christian Life Profile*; *Ministry Match (Lay Version)*

APPLICATION

Continuing Education learners are also required to apply the teaching to their ministry and reflect on that application in one practical assignment.

TEACHING AGENDA

Friday, January 7, 2021 - 6:30pm - 9:30pm

- Session 1: Course Introduction and Biblical Leadership
- Session 2: Christian Leadership Practice #1 – Grow a Deep Relationship with God

Saturday, January 8, 2021 - 8:30am - 4:30pm

- Session 3: Christian Leadership Practice #2 – Develop Godly Character

Saturday, January 8, 2021 (continued)

- Session 4: Christian Leadership Practice #3 – Discern Personal Calling
- Session 5: Christian Leadership Practices #4 and #5 – Grow Deep Communities and Build Healthy Teams
- Session 6: Christian Leadership Practice #6 – Strengthen Skills



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CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICATION ASSIGNMENT

The Continuing Education assignment for Christian Leadership Practices is as follows:

Please choose one of the following three options:

Option #1 – Personal Assessment and Personal Calling Workbook

For this option, take the four recommended assessments for this class (Ministry Match, Christian Life Profile, StrengthFinders, Emotional Intelligence). After doing the assessments, prayerfully work through the *Understanding Your Personal Calling* Workbook which is available on the MB Seminary website. I would encourage you to spread out this exercise over several days or longer to give yourself a chance to reflect on the questions and ideas that emerge. Finally, at the back of the workbook, submit an image that captures the heart of your personal calling and a short explanation of how the image connects with your calling.

Option #2 – Rule of Life Reflection

This option has two parts:

Part 1: Watch the additional teaching videos on each of the twelve areas of the Rule of Life. These videos are available on the MB Seminary website.

Part 2: Reflect on each of the twelve areas of the Rule of Life in your life now, and describe what you could add or change that would strengthen your leadership foundation and better position you to live out your personal calling. In addition, identify the three most critical areas for improvement and include a rationale why these are a priority. The maximum length for this assignment is five double-spaced pages.

Option #3 – Assess Your Ministry in light of the Six Practices of Christian Leadership

For this option, assess your self and ministry related to the Six Practices of Leadership. For each practice, identify what is working well for you and your ministry and what areas could be improved. What steps could you take personally and within your ministry to strengthen each of the six leadership practices? The maximum length for this assignment is five double-spaced pages.