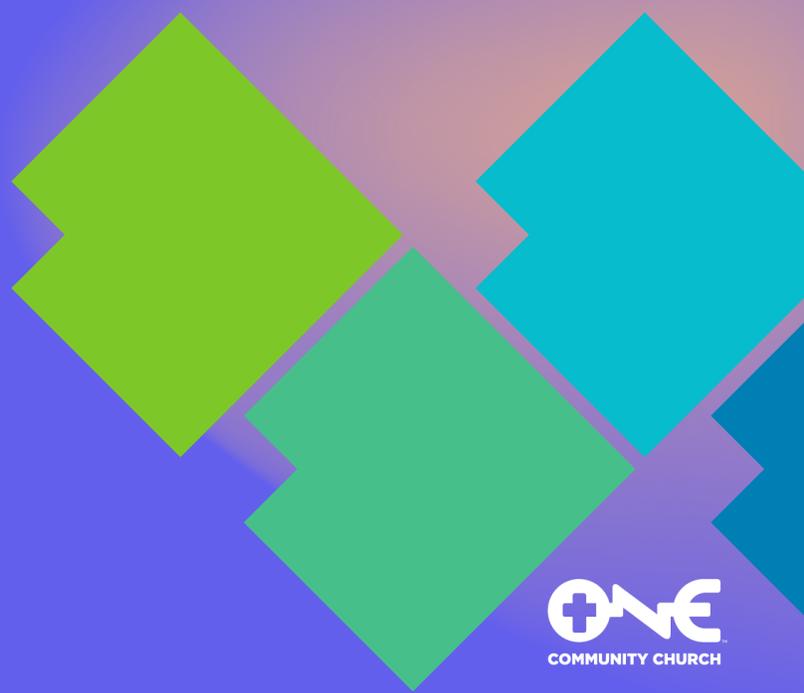


Leading For The Long Haul





The Big Idea

Everybody wants to leave a legacy. But the reality is we can't control the impact or the length of our legacy. That said, how we live and lead does have an impact on our endurance. Our perspective, the way we love our people, our dependability and our sense of security all directly affect our ability to lead and serve effectively for the long haul.

HOW WE LEAD FOR THE LONG HAUL

1

Maintain Perspective

Don't take yourself too seriously. We're just a mist that's here today, gone tomorrow (James 4:14). When our work is done, God will say, "Next!" and the kingdom will go on quite well without us.



Pray for them



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Love Your People

2



Pray for them



Look for them



Encourage them

Any leadership position is made safe and secure by two things: love and faithfulness (Proverbs 20:28). These two traits are essential to a lasting leadership run.

3

Be Dependable

When we say God is faithful, we mean he keeps his promises. We can count on him. He won't let us down. A leader who keeps his promises and consistently fulfills his responsibilities is the kind of leader people will gladly follow for the long-term.



Just show up



Keep your word



Go over and above



Develop a Thick Skin

4

Servant leadership is a great idea until people begin to treat us like a servant. But that's exactly the kind of leadership we've been called to emulate. Jesus came to serve, not to be served. He said the way to the top was through taking on the role of a servant and the way to the very top was to take on the role of a slave (Matthew 20:25-28).



Expect the unexpected



Get over it



Forgiveness Badge



5

Be Innovative

Leaders who are innovative do this:

Set a clear vision

Have a strong customer focus

Create a climate of reciprocal trust

Display fearless loyalty to doing what's right for the organization and customer

Put their faith in a culture that magnifies upward communication

Excel at setting stretch goals

Emphasize speed

Are candid in their communication

Inspire and motivate through action

