

**Big Idea: God uses a leader to propel his people onward.**

Who is the leader that has propelled you onward more than any other?

Did God remove the leader? If so, what did you do when he was removed?

Who do you know that would point to you as the answer to the first question?

**1) Onward leaders are committed to multiplying other leaders. (Joshua 1:1-2, Deut. 34:9-12, 1:37-38, 3:28)**

How often do you think about how long you have left? If you live until you are 80, how many years do you have left?

Is it difficult for you to give away authority or ministry? Why?

Do you every think you are indispensable or irreplaceable? Do every wonder what your family, your workplace, or your church would do without you? How would they do without you?

The job of a leader is to call the leader out of the faithful follower. Who do you know who is a faithful follower? How are you calling the leader out of them?

If you were to die tomorrow who would take your place? What responsibility do you have to make sure that someone is prepared to carry on in your place?

How are you recruiting, equipping, encouraging, and deploying the next generation of leaders?

**2) Onward leaders are made from great followers. (v5)**

Do you display these qualities of a great follower? How?

- A faithful follower identifies greatness.
- A faithful follower waits patiently.
- A faithful follower serves humbly.

Have you ever felt like you were qualified for a leadership position, yet your leadership did not agree with you? How did you respond?

Do you have trouble waiting for a position of leadership?

Leaders are often frustrated by two failures of their followers...

1) The one who wants leadership but isn't qualified, gifted, or prepared.

2) The one who is qualified, gifted, and prepared but won't lead.

Are you in either of these two categories?

How would your leaders grade your followship in these areas?

- Great followers are clear. (Who they are following.)
- Great followers are obedient.
- Great followers are servants.
- Great followers are humble.

- Great followers are loyal.

**3) Onward leaders find courage for the battle. (Exodus 17)**

Does it surprise you when you find yourself in a battle?

How has God used past battles to test, strengthen, and grow you?

Are you sitting out the battles because you are weary?

Have you neglected the ministry of prayer in the battle? Are fighting in your own strength?

Who is praying for you while you fight the battle?

**4) Onward leaders will not go onward without the presence of God. (Exodus 33)**

Godly leaders know when the presence of God is absent. What are the evidences that God's presence has left his people?

What must a leader do when God is absent?

**Additional Scripture**

- 2Timothy 2:2
- Acts 13:1-3
- James 3:1
- Matthew 23:11-12
- Hebrews 13:7