

COURSE SYLLABUS

Foundations of Effective Leadership

Course Lecturer: Sid Buzzell, PhD

Course Description

Foundations of Effective Leadership is a short course designed to help you understand the basics of leadership and how to most effectively serve those you lead. The course will deal with leadership as a concept, will present a biblical understanding of servant leadership, and will provide six models for grasping servant leadership.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

1. Provide a biblical definition of leadership.
2. Describe characteristics of a servant leader.
3. Show evidence of beginning to develop those characteristics.
4. Discuss the basic principles behind six specific leadership models.
5. Explain how those leadership models contribute to an understanding of servant leadership.

Course Lecturer



Sid Buzzell, PhD

Education:

- Michigan State University, PhD
- Dallas Theological Seminary, ThM
- Philadelphia College of the Bible, BS

Teaching Career:

- Academic Dean, Christian University GlobalNet
- Dean of the School of Theology, Academic Vice President, and Professor of Biblical Exposition and Leadership, Colorado Christian University
- Academic Dean and Professor of Pastoral Theology, Biblical Theological Seminary (1995-1997) and Conservative Baptist Seminary (1993-1995)
- Director of Christian Leadership Program and Professor of Management and Leadership, Colorado Christian University (1992-1993)
- Assistant Professor, Dallas Theological Seminary (1974-1982)
- Adjunct Professor, Denver Seminary, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and Eastern College

- Trainer and teacher of leaders across Europe, Asia, and Africa, with extensive work in Austria, China, Indonesia, and Poland

Other Career Highlights:

- Founding and senior pastor at several churches nationwide
- Ordained at the Billings Bible Church in Billings, Montana (1998)
- Ethics lecturer for Russian military officers at the Russian Humanitarian Academy in Moscow for the World International Military Conference (1993)
- Dallas Area Director, Christian Medical Society (1973-1979)
- Staff, Word of Life Inn fellowship ministry
- Participant in numerous conferences in well-respected organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, The Navigators, the National Association of Evangelicals, and World Vision International

Publications:

- Noted published author, with works including *Handbook to Leadership*
- Contributor to various biblical commentaries such as the *Bible Knowledge Commentary* and *Learning from Sages*
- General editor and a contributor to *The Leadership Bible* and *The Promise Keepers Bible* both by Zondervan Publishing

Recommended Reading

Though not required, you may choose to read the textbook shown below to supplement your learning.

Buzzell, Sid, Kenneth Boa, and Bill Perkins. *Handbook to Leadership: Leadership in the Image of God*. Atlanta: Trinity House Publishers, 2007.

The book is available only in Kindle edition (can be used on the computer with free download from Amazon) at amazon.com.

Course Methods

The lecture content for each lesson is provided in three easy-to-use formats: video, audio, and PDF text. Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.