

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:

- Provide a biblical definition of leadership.
- Describe characteristics of a servant leader.
- Show evidence of beginning to develop those characteristics.
- Discuss the basic principles behind six specific leadership models.
- 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

Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage you in understanding, processing and applying the information learned in this course to your life. These methods include the following:

- **Video-based teaching**
The primary teaching session in each lesson is provided in video format. If you do not have the bandwidth required to view the video, we provide the option of listening to the lesson or reading the lesson from a transcript.
- **Additional Resources**
Lessons may be accompanied by additional readings, images, etc. that you can use to supplement your learning.

Course Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Viewing the following for each lesson:
 - **Lesson Overview:** A brief outline of what the lecturer will cover in the lesson.
 - **Lesson Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
 - **Lectures:** 10-20 minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.
2. Responding to the discussion questions for each lesson.
3. Earning a 70% or higher score on each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.
Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the lectures.