

# Lead From the Ways of God

## Leader Huddle Discussion Guide

### Ice Breaker:

- What is your favorite aspect of God's character? Why is that one so meaningful to you?

### Teaching: Lead From the Ways of God

*[Optional video element: This content is based on this 5-minute video featuring Dave Buehring: <http://vimeo.com/99768702> Instead of teaching the following content, you can show the video to your group during your huddle.]*

As a leader, what is your motivation and paradigm for leading?

As leaders in the church, what people need to see that's different in godly leaders as opposed to other leaders is that we lead out of a place of friendship with God, where we know His presence and are getting to know His character and ways.

In Exodus, Moses declared to God, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" (Exodus 33:15-16)

How do we get to know God's character? By digging into the Bible. Scripture helps us wash away misconceptions we have about God and get to know what He's truly like.

As you get to know His character, you can ask Him to make that character more a part of your own life. God won't wave a magic wand to make you suddenly operate out of that characteristic. Instead, He will start working it into your life, but you have to be paying attention to the opportunities He brings your way and submit to the process. Don't be surprised when you pray for patience if God starts bringing you opportunities to practice patience!

In addition to learning God's character, we need to learn His ways – *how* He goes about doing things. As we learn His ways, we get to know Him more deeply.

He does things differently, have you noticed? For example, one of God's ways is that to be the greatest leader, you must become the greatest servant. That's not the world's way of operating, that's God's way.

In Psalm 25:4, David declared, "Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths." In Exodus 33:13, Moses asked God to "teach me your ways so I may know you and

continue to find favor with you.” And Hosea writes, “The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them.” (Hosea 14:9)

Get out your Bible, jump into the character and ways of God, and then inform your leadership paradigms with them. As a result, you’ll see more people wanting to follow you as a leader because they see God’s character and ways in you.

**Discussion Questions:**

- What are some examples of God’s character and ways? How would adopting them yourself help you become a better leader?
- What are some misconceptions about God’s character you had that you have been able to change as a result of reading the Bible?
- What are some of the ways of God in regards to dealing with interpersonal conflict? Handling criticism? Addressing sin in another person’s life?
- What is one tangible change you can make in either your life or leadership to act more in line with the character and ways of God?