

A silhouette of a shepherd in a long robe and hood, holding a crook, stands on a grassy hill. Three sheep are visible: one lying down on the left, and two standing to the right. The background is a gradient from a bright yellow-orange glow on the left to a dark blue-grey on the right.

INTRO TO
BIBLICAL
LEADERSHIP

Class Purpose:

- “The long-term health and spiritual vitality of any church is dependent on leadership development.” – Mac Lake –The Multiplication Effect: Building a Leadership Pipeline
- FBC Leadership Aim: Servant leadership motivated by love with the goal of transformed lives.



View of God— Session One - Review

- Our view of God will determine the importance we place on our role within the body, our service, and our leadership.
- Does my view accurately reflect who He really is, and am I growing in knowing Him more?
- What we know about and of God has an intellectual component and an experiential component.

8 Foundations for Spiritual Growth

- Grace as the cornerstone
- Gospel/salvation
- Identity in Christ
- View of God
- Ministry of the Spirit
- Word of God
- Participation in body life
- Worship

8 Foundations for Spiritual Growth - Worship

- Is worship an important part of the mission of FBC? If so, how would you describe its importance?
- How do you define worship?
- Premise : Our view of the importance of worship will impact our commitment to involvement in leadership, and how we train ourselves and others to lead.
- Discipleship Foundation: Worship is a reverence of God and a life lived for His glory. ***Worship is an essential response to God's nature, which is for His glory and our good.*** Getting our heart's attention off ourselves and on to Him is one way we describe worship. We desire to see this become more characteristically expressed within the life of a disciple.
 - John 4:23-24 | Romans 12:1 | Hebrews 10:24-25 | Acts 2:42-47 | Psalm 29:2

Worship - Thinking

- As we contemplate life, how we daily live, what is our motivation?
- As our life goes through trials and excruciating circumstances how do we respond? Is it okay to be angry with God?
- Job 1:20 – 22
 - 20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and **worshiped**. 21 He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. **Blessed be the name of the LORD.**" 22 Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God. (NASB)

Worship - Thinking

- What constitutes worship?
- What is the importance of worship?
 - God desires worshippers. John 4:23-24
 - Yahweh alone should receive our worship. No idol formed by human hands can substitute. Exodus 20:3-5
 - We are to ascribe the glory due His name. He alone is worthy of worship.
 - Psalm 29:2; Psalm 100; Revelation 4:11
 - Worship correctly orients us toward our fellow believers.
 - Hebrews 10:24-25; Colossians 3:16

Worship - Thinking

- Is worship an outward or inward focus?
 - True worship is in Spirit and Truth. John 4:23-24
 - God is immortal and dwells in unapproachable light. 1 Timothy 6:16
 - For God to be known by us He must make Himself known. He has done that through Christ. The OT points to Jesus. The NT reveals Him.
 - True worship is receiving the messiah for who he is and then living in the Spirit he provides.
 - Worship can't be reduced to an outward act.

Worship - Attitude

- What is our settled conclusion about worship?
- What would an outsider's evaluation of our life reveal about our worship of God?
- What idols or philosophies deflect our worship today? Do we encounter more barriers to worship from within the church or from the world?

Worship – Attitude – Philippians 3:1 - 4:1

- What was Paul's conclusion / attitude about worship?
 - We can't worship in the flesh. Our past obedience, our position in the church, etc. have not bearing on our worship.
 - We should seek a righteousness based on faith desiring only to know Christ crucified.
 - We should forget what is behind us and press on toward the high call of Christ.
 - We should imitate Paul's faith.

Worship - Action

- Would you agree with these statements?
 - Our view of God will result in some form of worship.
 - Worship is foundational to how a believer develops in faith and shapes our sanctification.
- Can you describe some different views of God and their resulting forms of worship?
 - Legalistic
 - License

Worship - Action

- Do our actions characteristically show a life sacrificed to God?
- How do we train ourselves and others in a life of worship?

Worship - Action

- Worship:
 - Worship is a continual sacrifice of praise. Hebrews 13:15
 - Worship is presenting our bodies a living sacrifice. Romans 12:1
 - Worship is a lifestyle, not an event. It should totally consume us. Colossians 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 10:31
 - Worship will be the culmination of history. Psalm 150:6; Revelation 4; Revelation 21
 - All our discipleship foundations move us toward worship.