



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## Follow the Leader LG Questions for 10/03/10

### Getting Started

1. As children we played the game, "Follow the Leader." As an adult, describe the type of person you're apt to respect and follow. Is there now or has there been anyone in your life who met those qualifications? If so, what is it about them that has won your trust and been able to motivate you?

### Getting Into the Bible

2. **Read Matthew 20:20-28.** According to Jesus, what must be the motive and manner of anyone who aspires to spiritual leadership? How does this differ from the motive and manner of leaders who have never submitted themselves to the leadership of Christ? Without naming names, give an example. How does Jesus serve as a perfect role model, no matter what position of leadership we occupy - parent, boss, church leader, teacher, etc.? Explain.

3. **Read Philippians 1:1 and 1 Timothy 3:1-16.** What are the basic leadership positions in the church today? Describe each of their purposes and duties in 25 words or less. How have you seen these positions played out in the church you attend? Do you have any interest in serving in one of these capacities? Why or why not? If there was a suggestion box at your church, what word of praise and what word of advice would you give to your present leaders? Explain.

4. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:13, Hebrews 13: 17-19, 1 Timothy 5:17-22.** A healthy church requires a healthy relationship between leaders and followers. According to these versus what are some of the responsibilities of followers to leaders? At which of these responsibilities are the people of your church best at caring out and in which areas do they need to improve? One responsibility is to pray for our leaders. Take a moment to do that before you finish your study.

### Getting personal and practical

5. John Maxwell says "Leadership is influenced" assuming that is true we all exercise leadership in some way. In what way are you presently exercising leadership? Describe one way in which you can improve, based on what you have learned from this lesson.