

LEADERSHIP

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GOOD

BOOK



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Book Study: Sample



# SAMPLE CURRICULUM

## Leadership by the Good Book

### Book Study

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A sample lesson from the volume begins on the following page.

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#### Curriculum: The BBT 1-2-3™ Format

BBT curriculum is rooted in Scripture and applicable the day you study it. The *BBT 1-2-3™* format enables the group to have a consistent Biblical basis for discussion.



Agenda – Introduces applicable Biblical principles



Group Leader Guide – Facilitates discussion and allows for shared leadership



Recap – Encourages community and application

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#### LIVE: Sample of Leadership by the Good Book: Book Study

This [BBT](#) volume of curriculum, inspired by David L. Steward and Brandon K. Mann’s book, *Leadership by the Good Book*, is designed to inspire, equip, and empower you to have an eternal impact.

1. Serve
2. Love
3. Imagine
4. Invest
5. Risk
6. Trust
7. Share
8. Follow
9. Grow
10. Celebrate

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# AGENDA

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### Serve



#### PRAYERS



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#### Source

He sat there in the dark with his head in his hands. He could hear the wind and the rain echoing outside while the voices of his friends and family echoed in his head. "Leadership is lonely, and you don't have any experience." "Business is hard, and nobody will be looking over your shoulder to approve or disapprove your decisions." "David, why would you walk away from a high-paying job, you don't know anything about leading others?" Then the phone rang, startling him out of his darkness. David was expecting it to be a bill collector, but instead, the sweet voice on the other end reminded him of [Psalm 91](#) – that God's power deep inside of him would guide him to overcome. Again, while buying groceries for his family on a credit card he couldn't afford to pay off, he heard God telling him it would be ok. David realized that putting God first defined his purpose as well as his mission and gave him a different perspective. He understood that his relationship with God defined how he would lead others – with a servant's heart.

Serving others wasn't just a business strategy David adopted, it was a fundamental principle of human relationships and a command from his creator, (See [Matthew 22:36-40](#)). He didn't want to be the kind of leader that compromised his integrity, compartmentalizing life, and forgetting to implement during the week what he claimed to believe on Sunday.

#### Pyramid Flip

Leadership fueled by serving those around you not only gets better long-term results, but it produces greater success for more people and offers a less stressful work environment. There is a certain level of trust that comes with serving others well, and it also brings great joy as we live out the words of Jesus, who said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant." ([Matthew 20:26](#) and [Mark 10:43](#))



#### LIVE

**Discussion questions:** Read the scripture below and prepare to answer the questions.

Read [Psalm 91](#)

1. What kind of leader would you like to be?
2. How does your motivation emerge in your leadership style?
3. In what areas do you need to improve in order to serve better and strengthen your leadership?
4. What obstacles do you face when you consider serving those in need around you?
5. How do you balance generosity with discernment?

Application Question: In what areas do you need to improve in order to serve better and strengthen your leadership?



#### PRAYERS

#### Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer



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**PRAYERS**

**Opening Prayer & Prayer Requests**



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Before you begin, read the AGENDA LEARN introduction together and review the APPLICATION QUESTION from the previous meeting's RECAP.



**LIVE**

**Discussion Questions:** Have someone read [Psalm 91](#) aloud and then ask the corresponding questions. Be sure everyone has enough time to find the Scripture before the verse is read.

**1) What kind of leader would you like to be?**



[Psalm 91](#) promises God's protection and provision for His people in times of trouble.



“After thanking her and saying goodbye, I quickly opened my Bible to Psalm 91. As I read, I knew why God told her to share this Scripture with me. Reading these powerful words of God's protection and provision inspired me. They renewed my strength and became my scriptural backstop whenever I felt the darkness closing in again.” (pg. 4)



Facilitate a brief discussion. You might ask, “How does knowing God protects you empower you to serve others?”

**Notes:**

**2) How does your motivation emerge in your leadership style?**



How we lead is influenced by what we observe around us and how we respond to it.



“Like most people, my attitudes about God and faith, about leadership and how to treat people were influenced by my upbringing. Fortunately, I was blessed with a firm foundation for the leader God created me to be.” (pg. 6)



Facilitate a brief discussion. You might ask, “Share something from your upbringing that motivates your leadership.”

**Notes:**



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**3) In what areas do you need to improve in order to serve better and strengthen your leadership?**



We are all tempted to work from our strengths and ignore our weaknesses, but we become better leaders and servants by growing in crucial areas.



“Leadership fueled by serving those around you not only gets better long-term results than hierarchical leadership, but it also produces greater success for more people and provides a less stressful work environment.” (pg. 20)

**Notes:**

**4) What obstacles do you face when you consider serving those in need around you?**



Being aware of others and their needs allows us to serve others and put aside our distractions.



“In our hectic, hustle-and-bustle world today, no one has time to get involved. We don’t even see the needs of others so often because we’ve become accustomed to ignoring them in order to focus on our own agendas. But Jesus makes it clear that if we love Him, we have an obligation to get involved.” (pg. 27-28)



Ask each person to think of one obstacle to serving others that they know they can work on this week and make a plan for overcoming it.

**Notes:**

**5) How do you balance generosity with discernment?**



God’s gifts are given for us to use in the service of others.



“From the beginning, World Wide Technology was established as a community, an extended family of people who not only work together but care about one another’s lives outside the office.” (pg. 29)



Reflect on this, “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” [Luke 12:48b](#)

**Notes:**

Application Question: In what areas do you need to improve in order to serve better and strengthen your leadership?



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**Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer**

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**Ask Yourself: Where do I most lose sight of serving God and others – is it when I am focused on the urgent, the product, my agenda, or something else?**



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ROADMAP

This [BBT](#) Book Study, the companion study for David L. Steward and Brandon K. Mann's book, *Leadership by the Good Book*, is designed to inspire, equip, and empower you to have an eternal impact. This lesson reveals how God views servant leadership and explores ways you can live as a servant leader.



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In the first three chapters, we explored the heart of the godly servant leader, the motivation behind servant leadership, the people impacted by servant leaders and the needs met by servant leaders. From the depths of failure to the heights of success, servant leaders show up to serve those precious people God has entrusted to them.

Scripture References for this study: [Psalm 91](#), [Matthew 20:26](#), [Matthew 22:36-40](#), [Mark 10:43](#)



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- Serve a higher purpose
- Serve those around you
- Serve those in need

Application Question: In what areas do you need to improve in order to serve better and strengthen your leadership?



LEAD

**Ask Yourself:** Where do I most lose sight of serving God and others – is it when I am focused on the urgent, the product, my agenda, or something else?