

Biblical Models of Leadership

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Time: Friday and Saturday, October 16-17, and October 30-31, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Credit : 2 credit hours

Prerequisites: None

Course Description and Objectives:

Read the Laniak and Clarke texts closely before you attend the first class (you may skim pp. 31-74 in Laniak) and bring all the required texts with you to class, including a NRSV or NIV Bible. We will attempt to clearly understand what the Bible teaches about leadership. You will quickly see that there are various models of leadership presented in the Bible and we will examine and discuss these extensively. Read Laniak and Clark with the Bible next to you so that you can easily refer to the biblical texts as the authors refer to them. During the first two days of the intensive class each student will choose a biblical text or leader as the focus for a research paper about leadership, which will be presented orally in class on October 30 or 31, and due in final written form Monday, November 2.

Required Texts:

A modern translation of the Bible. The NRSV or NIV are preferred. You are welcome to bring additional translations to compare during our class studies.

Timothy S. Laniak. *Shepherds after My Own Heart: Pastoral Traditions and Leadership in the Bible*. Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2006.

Andrew D. Clarke. *Serve the Community of the Church: Christians as Leaders and Ministers*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2000.

Ronald W. Pierce and Rebecca Merrill Groothuis, eds. *Discovering Biblical Equality: Complementarity without Hierarchy*. Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2005.

Note: If finances are a problem you can make photocopies of the four or five articles we will read from this book. They are available in the library.

Course Requirements:

Class contribution, attendance and discussion	500 points
Term paper (8-10 pages)	500 points

Grading Scale

A	900-1000	D	600-699
B	800-899	F	under 600
C	700-799		