

MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP

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Kingdom Leadership: Kingdom Leaders Connect Across Cultures

FOR THE GROUP LEADER

These notes have been designed to disciple leaders in round the table small group discussions.

What is in *ITALICS* is meant to be read out loud.

Welcome to this week's Mustard Seed Leadership discussion. The current series is
"KINGDOM LEADERSHIP"

STEP #1: ACCOUNTABILITY

Let's get started. The topic of discussion today is
"Kingdom Leaders Connect Across Cultures"
But before we start on the new topic, we will usually hold each other accountable about last week's action step.

Since this is the first in the series, let's go straight to the notes.

STEP #2: READ THE NOTES

Option 1: Let each person in the group take turns reading a section (Each section is marked with a). Go **READER #** clockwise starting with the Group Leader, and highlight or underline what catches your attention.

Option 2: The leader reads all the sections.

Option 3: Watch the video.

<https://youtu.be/JtIsRpJWnZs>

READER 1

Kingdom Leaders connect across cultures

“We will never reach the nations outside us if we don't carry the nations inside us”

Illust: *Do I love the nations or do I just love traveling?*

- *Visited Pakistan for the first time a few years ago - was an amazing trip!*

- *Then felt God challenge me: “Do I love the people of Pakistan?”*

- *Yes Lord! “Then why are you not reaching them here in your home town?”*

- *Discovered every cell phone shop and barber is owned and run by Pakistanis! Yet never spoken to one in my life!*

- **THE NATIONS ARE CLOSER THAN WE THINK!**

READER 2

The church plant in Antioch started with cross cultural gospel preaching:

Acts 11:19-21 (NLT)

*19 Meanwhile, the believers who had been scattered during the persecution after Stephen’s death traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch of Syria. They preached the word of God, **but only to Jews.** 20 However, some of the*

*believers who went to Antioch from Cyprus and Cyrene **began preaching to the Gentiles about the Lord Jesus.** 21 The power of the Lord was with them, and a large number of these Gentiles believed and turned to the Lord.*

READER 3

Notice that these church leaders were willing to *cross the cultural barriers* we create and preach to different cultures

- The result?

- 21 “The power of the Lord was with them, and a large number of these Gentiles believed and turned to the Lord.”

- There is treasure hidden in different cultures!

From this foundation of *cross cultural* ministry, take a look at the leadership team that Baranabas established:

Acts 13:1 (NLT)

Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon (called “the black man”), Lucius (from Cyrene),

Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas), and Saul.

READER 4

Barnabas' team is amazing:

- 1. Barnabas - Good Jewish man***
- 2. Simeon - They nicknamed him "black" - he was a black gentile from Africa***
- 3. Lucius - Greek gentile, possibly Luke the well educated doctor.***
- 4. Manaen - a Roman gentile brought up rich, well educated and highly influential.***
- 5. Saul - trained Jewish Rabbi with a bad reputation of persecuting Christians!***

READER 5

What a diverse team!

- Jew & Gentile, Black & White, rich & poor, educated & probably not, religious & superstitious!

- This is the church Jesus chose to send out an apostolic team to the nations! (See Acts 13:1-3)

- *Why? Because they already carried the nations in their hearts!*

READER 6

BIG IDEA: Kingdom leaders choose to connect with people who are different and diverse, not just the same as we are.

Challenge: What are you doing to intentionally connect with people who are of a different culture, age, race or religion?

STEP #3: SHARE YOUR HIGHLIGHT

*Now let's go around the group and take turns sharing what stood out to you the most from what we read. **What stood out to you and why?***

STEP #4: EVALUATION

*I am going to ask each of you in turn to evaluate yourself (From a 5 which is **EXCELLENT**, down*

to a 1 meaning **LOTS OF WORK NEEDED!**) on how well you are doing in the area of this topic and then share this with the group and why you chose this score.

STEP #5: ACTION

Lastly, let's go around the group and answer this question: What action step can you take to grow in the area of this topic by next week? Ask each member to share a practical action step and date of action. Make sure the Group Leader and the individual write them down for next week's accountability step.

CLOSING

A great way to close off is to pair up briefly for a moment of prayer. Pray for each other that you will succeed in your action steps. Thank everyone for coming and committing to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

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