



# RCCG OCEANIA

Leadership & Service

## Redefining Leadership in Papua New Guinea

### At a Glance

#### BIG IDEA

Leadership is not about dominance but about serving your unique gifts to your generation. Historical and colonial influences have shaped our understanding of leadership, often instilling fear of success and prosperity. By challenging these beliefs and embracing our God-given potential, we can redefine leadership in a way that empowers and uplifts communities.

#### PRIMARY PASSAGES

Genesis 1:26

## Key Takeaways

- Leadership is rooted in serving your unique gifts to others.
- Colonial teachings have instilled a fear of success that must be challenged.
- Your belief system shapes your leadership potential and influence.
- True leadership involves unlearning oppressive historical narratives.
- Biblical teachings affirm our potential for leadership and dominion.

## Introduction

Leadership is often misunderstood as a quest for power and control. However, true leadership is about serving others with the unique gifts and talents that each individual possesses. This study explores how historical and colonial influences have shaped our perceptions of leadership and how we can redefine it by embracing our God-given potential.

## Scripture Reading

- **Genesis 1:26** — This passage highlights that humans are created to have dominion, supporting the idea of inherent leadership potential.

## Key Points

1. **Leadership Through Service** — True leadership is about serving your unique gifts to humanity, rather than seeking power or dominance. This approach aligns with biblical teachings and challenges traditional views of leadership. By focusing on service, leaders can uplift and empower their communities, fostering an environment where everyone can thrive.
  - Identify your unique gifts and consider how you can use them to serve others.
  - Reflect on how you can shift your focus from personal gain to community service.
  - Seek opportunities to empower others through your leadership.

Scripture: Genesis 1:26

## Key Points (cont.)

2. **Challenging Colonial Beliefs** — Colonial teachings have often instilled a fear of success and prosperity, leading individuals to shy away from their full potential. By recognizing and challenging these beliefs, individuals can unlock their true leadership potential. This involves understanding the historical context and actively working to dismantle these limiting narratives.
  - Examine the historical influences on your perception of leadership.
  - Challenge any beliefs that limit your potential for success.
  - Encourage others to question and redefine their understanding of leadership.

## Key Points (cont.)

3. **The Influence of Belief Systems** — Your personal belief system becomes your philosophy, influencing your leadership style and effectiveness. It's crucial to build a belief system that empowers rather than limits. By aligning your beliefs with biblical principles, you can develop a leadership style that is both effective and uplifting.
  - Assess your current belief system and its impact on your leadership.
  - Align your beliefs with principles that promote empowerment and growth.
  - Share your journey of redefining leadership with others to inspire change.

## Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

## **Observation**

- What does Genesis 1:26 say about human potential and leadership?
- How have historical influences shaped our understanding of leadership?
- What are some examples of colonial beliefs that limit leadership potential?

## **Interpretation**

- Why is serving others considered a key aspect of true leadership?
- How can challenging colonial beliefs unlock leadership potential?
- In what ways does your belief system influence your leadership style?

## **Application**

- How can you use your unique gifts to serve your community?
- What steps can you take to challenge limiting beliefs about leadership?
- How can you align your belief system with empowering principles?

## **Prayer Focus**

- Pray for courage to challenge limiting beliefs.
- Ask for guidance in identifying and using your unique gifts.
- Seek wisdom to empower and uplift your community.

## **Next Step**

Reflect on your unique gifts and consider practical ways to serve your community, challenging any limiting beliefs you hold about leadership.

## Conclusion

Redefining leadership involves a shift from seeking power to serving others with our unique gifts. By challenging historical and colonial influences and aligning our beliefs with biblical principles, we can unlock our full potential and empower our communities. This journey requires introspection, courage, and a commitment to serve others in a way that uplifts and inspires.