

Saint Louis Christian College
PMN251n: Biblical Concepts of Leadership
Professor Jon-Michael D. Brown I
3 Credit Hours

Fall 2014
Course Prerequisites: None

Thursdays
6:00-10:00pm

Mission Statement

Saint Louis Christian College pursues excellence in the Word and develops servant leaders for urban, suburban, rural, and global ministry.

Course Description

This course is a study of the concepts of leadership in the context of the Scriptures. Application will consist of the concepts for both personal and career goals.

Course Objectives

Cognitive Objectives

As a result of this class, the student will demonstrate...

- Comprehension of the biblical definition of leadership by explaining his/her understanding of it.
- Analysis of biblical leadership principles by exegeting the text of a biblical leader.
- Synthesis of biblical leadership principles by integrating them with a current leader's experience.
- Evaluation of the biblical principles of leadership by critiquing two books on the subject.
- Evaluation of biblical principles of leadership by appraising his/her own readiness for leadership.

Affective Objectives

As a result of this class, the student will...

- Integrate biblical leadership principles through lectures and classroom discussion.
- Share personal perspectives with classmates during class discussions and exercises.
- Practice improved leadership skills by integrating biblical leadership principles into future ministry experiences.
- Appreciate the potential for biblical principles to improve his/her leadership through completing course objectives.

Attendance—Consult the college catalogue for the AIM attendance policy.

Course Requirements

Six assignments are due for the class; one each week. See below for policies regarding late work. Assignments should be typed according to SLCC form & style and are due at

the beginning of class on each respective week. Students should come to class each week ready to discuss/defend their submissions.

- **Reading Quizzes** – (Due Each Week)
Students will be held accountable for their reading through weekly quizzes.
Students should have a general knowledge and understanding of the material.
- **Definition of Biblical Leadership**—(Due Week One)
Write a 2-3 page (double spaced) essay explaining your understanding of the definition of biblical leadership. No outside research is necessary, but obviously biblical support should be evident for your assertions.
- **Character Analysis**—(Due Week Two)
Write a 5-6 page analysis of the leadership lessons learned from a biblical character (similar to those in *A Work of Heart*). This paper should contain both biblical and scholarly research (with accompanying documentation). The paper should contain the following sections: 1) summary of the biblical passages, 2) lessons learned (perhaps both positive & negative), and 3) how the lessons can be applied to the student's life/ministry context. Characters must be someone other than Moses, David, Paul or Jesus.
- **Book Critique #1**—(Due Week Three)
Write a 3-4 page reflection on *A Work of Heart*. The reflection should summarize the content of the book and its impact on the student. Students should show how this book has positively or negatively affected their leadership perspective and practice for the future.
- **Leader Interviews**—(Due Week Four)
Students should interview two leaders. One should be a ministry/church leader and one should be outside the church (i.e. business, military, etc.) The interview should consist of asking the leader's view on leadership and understanding of the topics covered in class (see the schedule for the teaching topics). Students should turn in a 2-3 page summary and reflection of the interview.
- **Book Critique #2**—(Due Week Five)
Write a 3-4 page reflection on *10 Power Principles for Christian Service*. The reflection should summarize the content of the book and its impact on the student. Students should show how this book has positively or negatively affected their leadership perspective and practice for the future.
- **Leadership Self-Assessment**—(Due One Week After Final Class)
The final assignment for the class provides the opportunity for self-assessment and application of the content of the class. Students should write an 8-10 page paper assessing their own views of leadership and the topics covered in class. Students should evaluate how their own views of and readiness for leadership have been affected through class experience. No outside research is expected, but

honest evaluation is. In short, how do you view yourself in relation to leadership skills, strengths, weaknesses, gifts, etc... Assignment can be emailed as a Microsoft Word document.

Course Evaluation

Reading Quizzes	20%
Definition of Biblical Leadership	10%
Character Analysis	15%
Book Reflection #1	10%
Leader Interview	15%
Book Reflection #2	10%
<u>Leadership Self-Assessment</u>	<u>20%</u>
Total Grade	100%

Class Policies

Late Work

Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the day they are scheduled. No late work will be accepted without prior permission from the instructor. Late permission will only be granted in cases of extreme emergency (illness, etc.) Consult the student guide for more information.

Learning Disabilities

If you have a diagnosed learning disability, please see the Director of The Hundred (Center for Student Success) to discuss strategies that would enhance your ability to learn. The instructor cannot implement any special accommodations without authorization from The Hundred.

Classroom Decorum

Since St. Louis Christian College is a Christian based institution, it is assumed and expected that each student will behave according to Christian principles. This includes treating each person with respect. Other classroom issues include...

- Plagiarism—Each student is expected to create and submit his/her own work. Evidence of plagiarism will result in a “0” for the assignment and a “0” for any student allowing their work to be used.
- Cell Phones—Please set your phone to silent or off during class. Students are expected to refrain from talking/texting during class.
- Food or drinks—Please refrain from eating anything substantial during class; small snacks are fine. Drinks are allowed as long as they have a lid.
- Computers & Electronics—Please use laptop computers for note taking only.
- Appropriate Dress—Please remove hats in class and dress modestly.

The Two Most Important Things to Know!

- The instructor reserves the right to modify this course plan by changing topics, due dates, policies, grading procedures, or assignments as long as it does not add to the student’s work load.

- It is the sole responsibility of the student to ensure assignments and tests are completed and turned in on time. It is also the responsibility of the student to acquire class material in the event of absences.

Course Textbooks

- McNeal, Reggie. A Work of Heart. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2011.
- Wiersbe, Warren. 10 Power Principles for Christian Service. Grand Rapids: Baker 2010.

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Professor Jon-Michael David Brown I
Saint Louis Christian College
1360 Grandview Dr.
Florissant, MO 63033
Office Hours* (Room 210) Listed on door.
Phone: 314-837-6777 ext.1510
Cell: 314-322-2588
E-mail: jbrown@slcconline.edu

*Feel free to contact outside of my office hours.

Course Schedule

Reading

Week One

A Work of Heart Introduction
A Work of Heart Chapter 1 – Moses
A Work of Heart Chapter 2 – David
A Work of Heart Chapter 3 – Paul
A Work of Heart Chapter 4 – Jesus

Week Two

A Work of Heart Chapter 5 – Culture
A Work of Heart Chapter 6 – Call
A Work of Heart Chapter 7 – Community
A Work of Heart Chapter 8 – Communion
A Work of Heart Chapter 9 – Call
A Work of Heart Chapter 10 – Community
A Work of Heart Conclusion

Week Three

10 Power Principles Introduction
10 Power Principles Chapter 1 – Character
10 Power Principles Chapter 2 – Service
10 Power Principles Chapter 3 – Love

Week Four

10 Power Principles Chapter 4 – Sacrifice
10 Power Principles Chapter 5 – Submission
10 Power Principles Chapter 6 – Glory of God
10 Power Principles Chapter 7 – Word of God & Prayer

Week Five

10 Power Principles Chapter 8 – Growth
10 Power Principles Chapter 9 – Holy Spirit
10 Power Principles Chapter 10 – Jesus Christ
10 Power Principles Conclusion

One Week After Class

Assignments

Def. of Leadership
Reading Quizzes

Character Analysis
Reading Quizzes

Book Critique #1
Reading Quizzes

Leader Interviews
Reading Quizzes

Book Critique #2
Reading Quizzes

Leadership Self-Assessment