

DISCOVERING GOD'S WORD

Church Leadership



PURPOSE

To help boys understand what the Bible teaches about biblical leadership in the church and how God calls and equips His people to serve Him in various ways..

LEARNING

1. *Colossians 1:13–18* • God the Father rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His Son, Jesus Christ (vs. 13). Jesus is described as the head of His body, the church, and the church is described as the body of Christ. This is a common description of the church, and one the boys may be familiar with. The passage makes it clear that Christ is supreme over all.
2. Qualities of church leaders:
Mark 10:35–45 • Church leaders must first of all be humble, considering themselves as servants. They are not only servants to God, but to the people of the church as well.
1 Peter 5:1–4 • Not only do leaders have to serve, but they must do so willingly. Godly leaders are, in fact, eager to serve. They do not serve for money or recognition, but because God has entrusted them with the task, and God will reward them for doing a good job.

Ephesians 4:11–13 • Church leaders know that God has given them specific gifts for specific tasks. There are numerous passages that speak of spiritual gifts, and God has blessed each of His people with one or more. It's important to discover what one's gifts are (talents and interests will help show them) so that they can then serve in the area God has intended them to serve.

3. Self-explanatory.
4. Different congregations have different procedures. Help the Cadet discover the process specific to your church.

DOING

1. Self-explanatory.
2. Self-explanatory. If your church has less than ten individual leaders, just go with what you have.
3. Self-explanatory.
4. Self-explanatory.
5. Help the Cadet select an appropriate area of service and leadership. Talk with him about how it felt to be a leader. Share with him information about the Servant Leader Award, the highest award that the Cadet Corps has to offer a Cadet. Information is in the front section of his *R•P•B Guidebook*.