

Discussion/Reflection Questions for
The Catholic Vision for Leading Like Jesus
Introducing S³ Leadership: Servant, Steward, Shepard

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The book contains reflection questions in/for each chapter. These additional questions may be of use to small group leaders.

Chapter One: Catholicism's Two Leadership Challenges

- What do you see as leadership challenges for the laity in your community?
- Why are these challenges? Why do they exist?
- How do you think the Catholic Church can address or assist the laity to address these challenges?
- How do you think the laity can address or assist the Church to address these challenges?
- What would your community be like if the Catholic Church and the laity addressed these challenges forthrightly?
- What first step could you take toward that end within the next week/month?

Chapter Two: What Is Our Purpose?

- In light of the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, what are your thoughts about the role of the laity in the Church and in society?
- Why do you think those are the proper roles for the laity?
- How do you think the laity, including yourself, can contribute to the sanctification of the world?
- What would your communities (home, work, civic, and recreation) be like if the laity consciously sought to sanctify them by the way they lived their lives?
- What first step are you willing to take to contribute to the sanctification of your communities?

Chapter Three: Who Is a Leader?

- What is your image of a leader?
- What leads you to that image?
- How have and/or can you be a leader in to those in your life?
- If you accepted that you are a leader as described in this chapter and acted on that responsibility, what differences could that make in your communities (home, work, civic, and recreation)?
- What first step will you take to be a faithful leader in your communities?

Chapter Four: S¹: Called to Be a Servant Leader—The Leadership of Jesus

- How would you define Servant Leader?
- Why is Servant Leadership a true form of leadership?
- How can you be a servant leader at home? At work?
- What would your home and/or work be like if you lived as a servant leader there?
- What first step can you take toward being or being a better servant leader?

Chapter Five: S¹: Beginning With the Heart

- What aspects of EGO, in both meanings presented in the book, impressed you?
- Why is the heart so important to servant leadership?
- What do you need to do to develop a servant's heart?
- What changes would there be in your life if you had more of the servant's heart?
- What first steps can/will you take to improve your servant's heart?

Chapter Six: S¹: Developing a Servant's Head

- What aspects of a "Servant's Head" have particularly impressed you?
- Why are those aspects impressive to you?
- How could you incorporate or improve those aspects in your life?
- What would be the impact of incorporating or improving those aspects in you life?
- What first steps can/will you take to improve your servant's head?

Chapter Seven: S¹: Extending a Servant's Hands

- What skills does the author present as required in order to have a servant's hand?
- What meaning do you take for each of the four skills?
- Why are those skills important?
- How can you acquire or strengthen those skills in your life?
- How might that change you?
- How might that change those with whom you interact?
- What first steps can/will you take to improve these four skills in your life?

Chapter Eight: S¹: Cultivating a Servant's Habits

- What habits do you already have?
- How might you strengthen those habits?
- What habit would you like to develop?
- How can/will you start doing that?
- What difference will it make if you strengthen your habits and/or develop new servant's habits?

Chapter Nine: S²: Called to Be a Steward

- What is a steward?
- What is the difference between a steward and an owner?
- How are you a steward in your home? Your work? Your recreational activities?
- What would your communities (home, work, civic, and recreation) be changed if you developed your sense of stewardship and lessened any sense of ownership?
- What first steps can/will you take to become more steward and less owner of your environments?

Chapter Ten: S³: Called to Be a Shepherd

- What do you see as defining characteristics of a shepherd in your communities (home, work, civic, and recreation)?
- Why are "shepherds" important to you and to your communities?
- In what ways and times have you acted as a shepherd?
- In what circumstances are you called to be a shepherd?
- How can you become better at being a shepherd?
- What would be the impact on you if you were better at being a shepherd? On your family? Your co-workers?
- What first steps can/will you take toward becoming a better shepherd?