

# Men's Ministry 8/17/2024 Agenda

1. Opening Prayer 9:00-9:05
2. New Business 9:05-9:15
  - Name, location, family, work (this is helpful for us to identify talent or opportunities within our ministry).
  - What you hope to get from the men's ministry (fellowship, outreach, etc). This will be helpful to set up our goals.
  - Preferred meeting times
3. Message "The Heart of a Christian Leader" 9:15-9:30
4. Breakfast Served 9:30
5. Team Bible Trivia and Fellowship 9:40 - 10:00
6. Closing prayer

## The Heart of a Christian Leader

### Principles of Christian Leadership:

1. **Leadership as Service:** In the world, leadership is often seen as a position of power. However, in the Kingdom of God, leadership is synonymous with service. Jesus taught us this when He said, "But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26-28, ESV). As Christian men, we are called to lead by example, serving others with humility and grace.
2. **The Importance of Integrity:** A true leader in Christ embodies integrity. Proverbs 11:3 tells us, "The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity." Our actions and decisions must align with God's Word, demonstrating honesty and righteousness. It's through integrity that we build trust and influence others positively.
3. **Leading with Love and Compassion:** The foundation of Christian leadership is love. 1 Corinthians 16:14 exhorts us, "Let all that you do be done in love." This love is not passive but active—reaching out to others, showing compassion, and standing firm in truth. A leader's love should be evident in every interaction, whether it's comforting the brokenhearted or encouraging the weary.
4. **The Role of Faith and Prayer:** A Christian leader must be a man of faith and prayer. Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." Our strength and wisdom come from God, and we must seek His guidance through prayer, ensuring that our leadership aligns with His will.
5. **Perseverance in Adversity:** Leadership often brings challenges and adversity. James 1:12 encourages us, "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him." As leaders, we must persevere through trials, showing resilience and faithfulness, knowing that God uses these experiences to shape us and those we lead.