

Definition of a Leader

Objective for the meeting: To begin the discussion of what a leader is using the definition of a leader.

First of all let me define what I believe a leader is. This is a definition I heard Dick Foth use when I was a student and it has stuck with me ever since.

Leader Defined

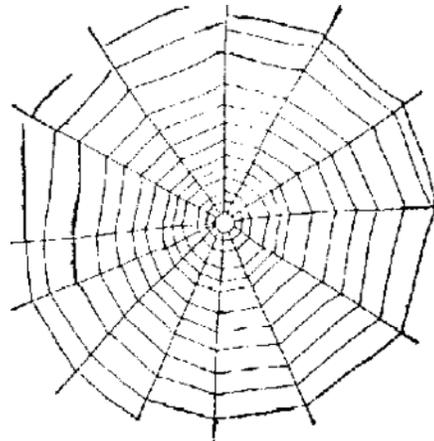
A leader is someone who sets noble objectives (**bar setter**) and pursues those objectives (**depth maker**) with such intensity (**tone setter**) that they take others (**initiator**) with them (**vision caster**).

Leaders are depth makers
Leaders are tone setters
Leaders are bar setters
Leaders are initiators
Leaders are vision casters.

Leaders Lead

Leaders are Initiators.

Picture for the Day is that a Servant Leader is a Hub that wants to get the group to become a Web



Leaders must view themselves as hubs. They are the people who connect the spokes they lead together. The goal is ultimately to turn the wheel into a net or a web. But that takes time. You are the initiators of community. They are all connected to you as you initiate but over time you want it to start to become more like a web—where they are now connected to each other and they don't need you as much. (John Hansen and John Smith as a story of two people who connected at the Mug Party because they both liked surfing and we connected them to each other, this also happens with baseball or any other ways that they could connect to each other). But once you create one web, then you are a hub in a different way. You may be a hub between two webs, or small groups (Mixers) or a hub with different people. You are constantly an initiator.

You and your co-leaders have just connected this past week with 8-12 people from the Mug Party, Block Party, and follow up who could possibly be in your small group. What could you do to act as a hub for these 12 people this weekend and in coming days?

(Core group dinner, offer to pick them up for the first Chi Alpha meeting or the next Chi Alpha party, pick up basketball game, have them over on Saturday night, etc.)

What could you do to turn them into a web?

(Get each cell phone numbers, find people with things in common, introduce people who have something in common)

Transition into How to Work a Party

How does a leader party? You must be a **host!** What are the Stages of partying for students?

- a. Stage 1- You party and enjoy it--you are a consumer at the party.
- b. Stage 2- You step out and work the party but you don't really like it, it is exhausting.
- c. Stage 3- You work the party and enjoy it because it is becoming who you are. We must be people who push through Stage 2 into Stage 3. They say, "I'm working it!"

How to Work the Triangle

One person starts conversation with a new person and doesn't leave them until they are connected with another person with some type of similar interest. This would leave them with that person who would then connect them with another person.

The same goes for the first MNL.

Then we would cover how to follow up post first MNL and maybe give a refresher on the first Core Group meeting of the year.

First Core Group Meeting of the Year

Goals for the first meeting:

- a. To establish a warm, accepting and conversant atmosphere for our first and future Core group meetings.
- b. To introduce ourselves to each other (get to know everyone's name) and begin to get better acquainted while having some fun.
- c. To discuss what a Core group is (member's ideas first, then I will fill in) and establish what the guiding qualities of our commitments will be with each other as a group.
- d. To interact with scripture from the beginning of our group's life.

How the night should go:

First of all, how should the environment be to provide a comfortable atmosphere for people to share?

There should be plenty of light—helps people focus
If possible have everyone sitting on the same level
Be in a place with few distractions, visually and auditory

Sample Agenda

- Start with an ice-breaker or something fun that will help people get comfortable and get to know each other. (10 minutes)
- Have time of opening prayer (1 minute—leader should pray)
- Cast vision of what can happen in core groups and how great they can be—tell a personal experience possibly. (3 minutes)
- Talk about what you plan on core group being like for the year (how often, how long, etc) (1 minute)
- Do a Bible study. Sample lessons are provided. (10 minutes) It would be good to provide a printout of the Scriptures you will be looking at to avoid the issue of different translations. People have a desire to have a “Bible study”. So use it to talk about what will be essential to be able to build a strong community and be able to experience all of its benefits.
- Discuss what it will take to see these benefits realized in this group
- Look at the characteristics of a Healthy Core group (emphasis importance of commitment)
- Do History giving!!!— Go fairly quickly on everything listed above so you have plenty of time for history giving. Make sure you end on time!! So either state everyone may not get to share tonight up front of make sure everyone shares.
 - a. Keys to remember: People will go as deep as you do, You go first and know what you are going to share.
- Have people draw their “Do this” Partner for the week if you decide to actually do this :)

Have a time for idea exchange—Does anyone have any other creative ideas that you would like to share?