

“Character—the inner world of motives and values that shapes our actions—is the ultimate determiner of the nature of our leadership. It empowers our capacities while keeping them in check. It distinguishes those who steward power well from those who abuse power. Character weaves such values as integrity, honesty, and selfless service into the fabric of our lives, organizations, and cultures.”

Bill Thrall, Bruce McNicol, & Ken McElrath
The Ascent of a Leader

“Spiritual leadership is a work of heart. This truth escapes many spiritual leaders. Caught up in helping other people maintain their hearts, they frequently ignore or neglect their own. They suffer for this oversight. Symptoms stemming from this inattention range from spiritual powerlessness to lackluster leadership to spiritual bankruptcy. The failure to pay attention to fundamental issues eventually leaves the leader, at the very least, bewildered and discouraged, or in the worst cases, devastated. The continuum of loss moves from the deferment of the leader’s life dreams to the shattering of a future no longer attainable.

Only in rare instances, it seems, do we run across spiritual leaders who genuinely understand that their leadership is ultimately a matter of the heart. Because they know this truth, they intentionally look after their own hearts in the midst of dealing with the hearts of others.”

Reggie McNeal

A work of heart: Understanding how God shapes spiritual leaders

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The Character & Habits of a Leader

Fall 2017

Veritas:

Church-Based Leadership Development

*Bringing All to Maturity and
Many into Leadership*

A Ministry of

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This course is not about management, although the principles discussed will certainly affect how you manage. It is not about discovering the latest trend, technique, or methodology in leadership, even though it will undoubtedly affect your methods and style of leading.

Instead, this course is about becoming the kind of leader whom others will want to follow. It's about discovering how God shapes spiritual leaders and then letting him work in your life. It's about finding God's plan for your life and following it, as well as learning how to lead others where they need to go.

Whether you are a veteran leader or just beginning your trek, a leadership expert or a novice just beginning to study the subject, this course is your invitation to climb higher and grow deeper.

In this course, we will study the lives of five biblical leaders—Joseph, Moses, David, Nehemiah, and Paul. Our goal will be to discover what character traits are required of mature Christian leaders and how they relate to the task of being a leader in the local church. The course will also help you develop a plan for personal evaluation and the strengthening of character.

Format: Seminar/Independent Study

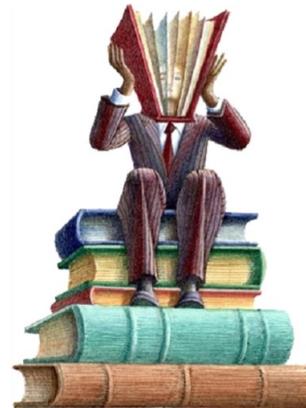
Meetings: 6 seminar sessions designed to guide and deepen your own research. The class will meet every other week on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30PM, September 11, 25, October 9, 23, November 6, 20.

Instructor: Pastor Mark Wheeler

Assignments: During the course, we will read one book and work together to develop an expanded profile of a biblical leader.

Cost: \$20 for the course materials and textbook.

To register, contact Pastor Mark Wheeler at the church (413-592-5353) or send a note to markwheeler@firstcentral.church. Please register by September 4.



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Veritas is non-formal, ordered learning, designed to develop highly motivated men and women who are equipped to take on the highest levels of leadership in the local church.

If you desire to:

- be a well-trained servant leader
- further deepen your love for God
- sharpen your skills for ministry
- pursue lifelong learning

then *Veritas* is for you!

Goals of *Veritas*

Develop ...

- A working knowledge and a complete overview of the Bible in context
- An understanding of, and demonstrated ability to use, Christian theology in the current culture
- In-depth, usable skills for ministry
- An overarching biblical philosophy of ministry
- Life-long learning skills and methods