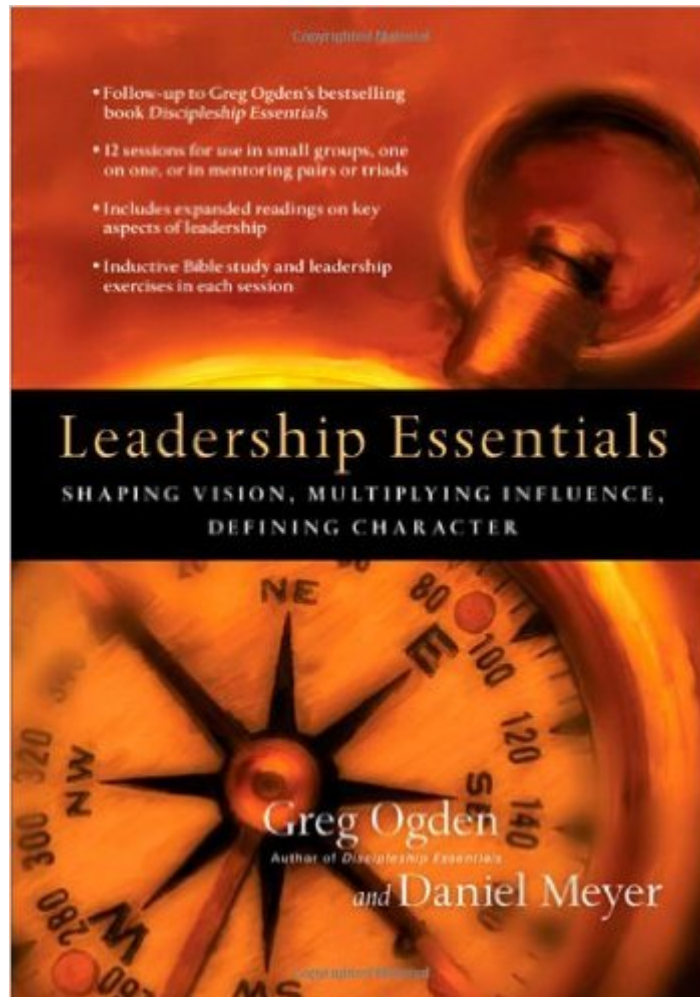


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# Leadership Essentials: Shaping Vision, Multiplying Influence, Defining Character



## Synopsis

Leadership is essential. Maybe you've shied away from leadership because you don't know what it will involve, or you feel too unsure of your own abilities. But your leadership is needed! In every sector of society, from families to businesses to churches, leadership roles remain empty, waiting for people willing and able to step up and make wise decisions that bring positive change. And, in a world with priorities vastly different from Christ's, Christian leaders are especially needed to point people to him. Preparation is essential. As essential as the leadership itself is the preparation beforehand, which is why Greg Ogden, a seasoned leader himself, has created this interactive guide that will give you the tools you need to lead well, using your unique gifts and experience. Divided into four sections, this workbook will help you develop character, postures, vision and skills as you participate in the following elements in each chapter: a memory verse a Bible study a reading a leadership exercise By working through these multiple channels of learning you'll be equipped not just with head knowledge about leadership but with true character formation and awareness of your own abilities that will prepare you for the challenges and choices of leadership. Designed to work well on your own, with a partner or with a group, Leadership Essentials by Greg Ogden and Daniel Meyer is the essential preparation tool for those who would be led and shaped by Christ to lead others with strength and wisdom.

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There is careful and deliberate direction, development and consistency in Greg Ogden's books on

discipleship. First, in 'Discipleship Essentials' (1998/2007) Ogden presents a 25 chapter intensive course for building a life in Christ. Then, in 'Transforming Discipleship' (2003) he steps back from curriculum design to explain and justify the contextual, biblical and personal background to his vision for meaningful and sustainable church growth. Next, In 'Leadership Essentials' (2007), Ogden and Meyer tackle a multifaceted issue that confronts families, organizations, Institutions and Churches alike: the need for clearly defined, fully equipped, progressive, transformative and intentional leadership that multiplies influence, brings out the potential in self and others and, most importantly, extends God's kingdom. Leadership Essentials consists of 12 chapters organized into four parts. Each chapter features five elements: (i) a core truth expressed in two or three sentences about Christian leaders and leadership, (ii) a verse or longer passage from the Bible to memorize, (iii) an 'inductive' study based on a Bible passage, (iv) a reading passage that exemplifies, explains and extends the key material in the chapter, and (v) an exercise that helps the reader or user group think about and apply the ideas in the chapter to a leadership situation that is familiar and important. In Part One, 'The Character of a Leader', Ogden and Meyer begin by stating a purpose for leadership that is only realizable through a specific 'follower' orientation: Leading disciples fix their gaze on the holiness of Christ and seek to reflect this holiness in the character and conduct of their own lives'.

Ogden and Meyer have done a great service to the church by putting together this helpful leadership mentoring workbook in order to bring bonding and multiplying influence to ministry oriented leadership teams. I have personally used the book for several years now with church staff, elders, deacons, interns, and in order to train budding leaders. I have found that each environment I've used it in, (one on one, triads, and groups up to 12) there has been good discussion, accountability, and encouragement towards Christ-like development.

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