

LIFT BOOK READING RECOMMENDATIONS

These books build on each other and impact all 10 sessions in more ways than one. I encourage you as you read to take notes and reflect on your own life and leadership.

SESSION #1—3E LEADERSHIP--Evaluate, Emulate, Elevate.

What and how we think is key—read intensely, think deeply, evaluate rigorously.

Must read:

- Adam Grant--*Think Again—The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know*
- Morgan Housel - *The Psychology of Money - Timeless Lessons on Wealth, Greed, and Happiness*

Also good:

- Adam Grant—*Originals—How Non-Conformists Move the World*
- Adam Grant—*Give & Take—Why Helping Others Drives Our Success*
- Ulrich L Lehner – *Think Better*

3E Bible Leader:

- Abraham, Ruth

SESSION #2—LEADERSHIP WHEEL & SPIRITUAL CORE—Habits, Disciplines, Biblical Worldview.

Our habits determine our effectiveness—stack hours, days, weeks, months, years.

Must read:

- James Clear--*Atomic Habits—An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones*
- Charles Duhigg – *The Power of Habit – Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business*

Also good:

- C. Gene Wilkes—*Jesus on Leadership*
- Larry Osborne—*Lead Like a Shepherd*

3E Bible Leader:

- Jesus

Session #3—Leadership Wheel & Character—Integrity, Virtues, Ethics.

In these days of increasing ambiguity and incongruence—where are you willing to compromise and what are your absolutes?

Must read:

- Ryan Holiday—*The Obstacle is the Way—The Timeless Art of Turning Trials into Triumph*
- Ryan Holiday—*Courage is Calling—Fortune Favors the Brave*

Also good:

- Ryan Holiday—*Stillness is the Key*
- Ryan Holiday—*Ego is the Enemy*
- Ryan Holiday—*Discipline is Destiny—The Power of Self-Control*

3E Bible Leader:

- Daniel

Session #4—Leadership Wheel & Vision—Compelling/costly, Clear, Consuming.

Understanding that vision leaks, mission creeps, purpose sleeps, and strategy seeps—we must keep the picture clear and inspire our troops to take the next mountain.

Must read:

- Peter Geer & Chris Horst—*Mission Drift—The Unspoken Crisis Facing Leaders, Charities, Churches*
- Patrick Lencioni—*The Advantage*
- John Doerr—*Measure What Matters*

Also good:

- Jim Collins—*Great by Choice; Good to Great; Beyond Entrepreneurship 2.0; Built to Last; How the Mighty Fall*

3E Bible Leader:

- Joseph, Esther

Session #5—Leadership Wheel & Team—Attitude, Character, Expertise.

Team ministry and building a guiding coalition is vital if we are to storm the beach and complete the mission.

Must read:

- Patrick Lencioni—*The 5 Dysfunctions of a Team*
- Patrick Lencioni—*The Ideal Team Player*
- Patrick Lencioni—*The Motive*

Also good:

- Patrick Lencioni-- *Death by Meeting; The Five Temptations of a CEO; The Four Obsessions of an Extraordinary Executive; Silos, Politics, and Turf Wars*

3E Bible Leader:

- Nehemiah

Session #6—Leadership Wheel & Style—Positive, Encouraging, Determined.

Effective leaders use many varying leadership styles to make a positive and lasting impact.

Must read:

- John Gordon-- *The Power of Positive Leadership*
- John Gordon—*The Power of a Positive Team*
- John Gordon—*The Energy Bus*

Also good:

- Shawn Achor—*The Happiness Advantage: The Seven Principles of Positive Psychology That Fuel Success and Performance at Work*

3E Bible Leader:

- Joshua

Session #7—Leadership Wheel & Skill—Strategies, Systems, Sacrifice.

We must grow but we will never arrive—keep driving to learn, improve, get better and grow.

Must read:

- Angela Duckworth—*Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance*

Also good:

- Andy Stanley—*Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets—5 Questions to Help You Determine Your Next Move*
- Thomas Asbridge – *The Crusades – The Authoritative History of the War for the Holy Land*

3E Bible Leader:

- Moses

Session #8—Leadership Wheel & Strengths—Gifts, Passion, SHAPE.

Leverage your uniqueness--Spiritual gifts, heart passion, natural abilities, personality, life experiences.

Must read:

- Carey Nieuwhof--*At Your Best—How to Get Time, Energy & Priorities Working in Your Favor*
- Greg McKeown—*Essentialism—The Discipline Pursuit of Less*

Also good:

- Greg McKeown—*Effortless—Make it Easier to Do What Matters Most*
- Craig Groeschel—*Winning the War in Your Mind*

3E Bible Leader:

- Paul

Session #9—Leadership Wheel & Culture—Live, Love, Lead.

Beyond vision and values what is important to you--establish your culture or it will be established for you.

Must read:

- Larry Hurtado—*Destroyer of the gods—Early Christian Distinctiveness in the Roman World*
- George Hunger—*The Celtic Way of Evangelism—How Christianity Can Reach the West Again*
- Craig Bartholomew & Michael Goheen—*The Drama of Scripture—Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story*

Also good:

- Andy Stanley – *Not In It To Win It*
- Michael Walsh – *The Triumph of the Meek – Why Early Christianity Succeeded*

3E Bible Leader:

- Peter

Session #10—3E Leadership—Evaluate, Emulate, Elevate.

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Must read:

- Edith Eva Ager – *The Choice – Embrace the Possible*
- Daniel H. Pink—*The Power of Regret*

Also good:

- Sheryl Sandberg & Adam Grant – *Option B – Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy*
- Jocko Willink & Leif Babin--*Extreme Ownership—How U.S. Navy Seals Lead & Win*
- Susan Cain – *Bittersweet – How Sorrow and Longing Make Us Whole*

3E Bible Leader:

- James