

MODEL THE WAY - Set the Example DISCERNING SEASONS

“To everything there is a season.” Ecclesiastes 3: 1

Ask God to give you a word or phrase to describe the season you are experiencing.

What is the internal and external evidence that this is the season?

What should my expectations be in this season?

What Scriptures has God given you to help you in this season?

What are the particular actions that I should engage?

What are the particular actions that I should NOT engage?

How should I be praying in this season?

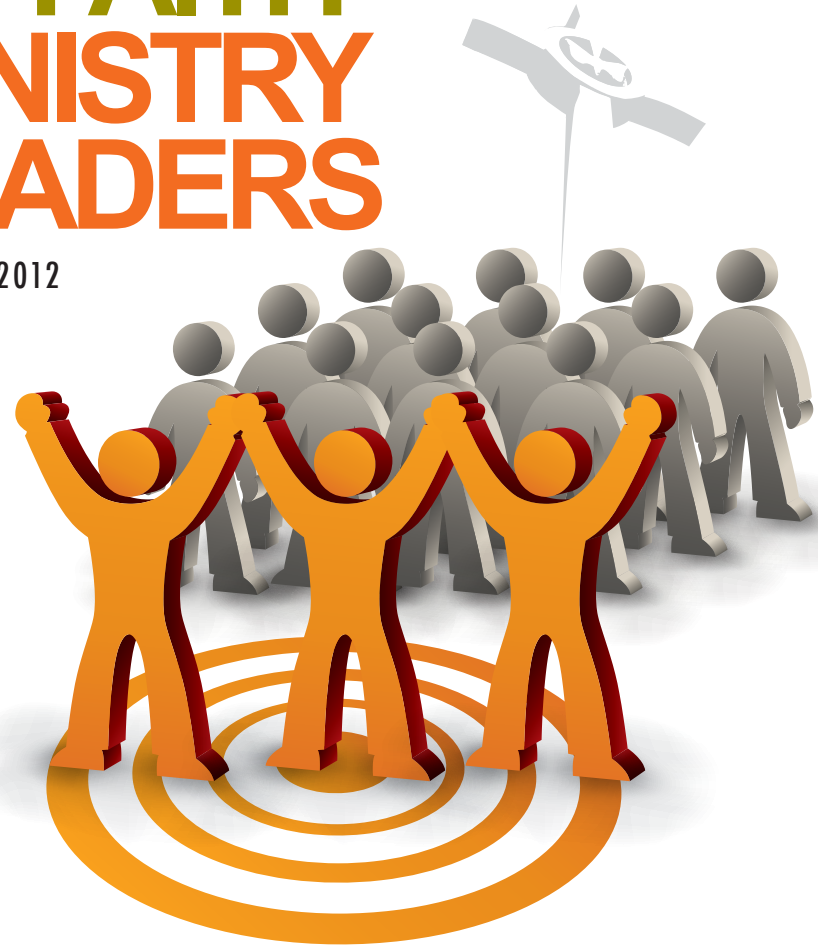
How aligned is the way I'm spending my time each week with my understanding of the season(s) that I/we are experiencing?

What can you do in the next week in light of this “season?”



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Purpose of Ministry Leader Meetings: To increase our effectiveness as leaders at Cathedral of Faith, so that we can bring God glory by serving Him responsibly, diligently and enthusiastically.

“David cared for them with a true heart and led them with skillful hands.”
Psalm 78:72

CHARACTERISTICS OF A LEADER



Inspire a Shared Vision

"Without vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18

Leaders see something that others do not see. Leaders envision the future imagining that greater things lie ahead.

Challenge the Process

"The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Matthew 23:11-12

The work of leaders is change. Leaders look for opportunities by seeking innovative ways to change, grow, and improve. Leaders constantly scan the outside environment for creative way to do new things.

Enable Others to Act

"The work is too heavy for you, you cannot handle it alone, . . . select capable people . . . have them serve . . . That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you." Exodus 18:18, 21-22

Leaders use their power in service of others, not in service of themselves. You can never develop other people as long as you hold on to power. Jesus' first act of leadership was to call and train twelve disciples, His last act of leadership was to give the power away before He left.

Encourage the Heart

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel." Philippians 1:3-5

Recognize contributions by showing appreciation. In order to persist in responsibilities, people need encouragement, they need the heart to continue with the journey.

Model the Way

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." Hebrews 13:7

A leader sets an example. We teach what we know, but we reproduce what we are. We attract who we are, not who we want.

Increasing our Ability to MODEL THE WAY – UNDERSTANDING THE SEASON

"From the tribe of Issachar, there were two hundred leaders, who understood the times and seasons, they knew what Israel should do." 1 Chronicles 12:32

These were leaders who understood the "season."

There are many _____ in our lives.

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

We can be in more than one _____ at a time.

We ask God to help us _____ the seasons.

"The Lord GOD has given me His words of wisdom, that I should know how to speak a word in season to those who are weary. Morning by morning He awakens me and opens my understanding to His will." Isaiah 50:4

There are " _____ " and " _____ " that correspond to each season. Ask for the right attitude and response.

"Proclaim God's message, be earnest in season and out of season; convince, rebuke, encourage, with the utmost patience as a teacher." 2 Timothy 4:2

Our leaders and spiritual mentors will _____ the season.

"Be mindful of those leading you, who have spoken the word of God to you. Think about the impact of their lives and imitate their faith. Continue to obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you." Hebrews 13:7,17

God will give us a _____, "a word in season."

"As apples of gold in pictures of silver, is a word spoken in season." Proverbs 25:11

Pray for _____, wisdom, grace, _____ and _____ for this season.

"And this is my prayer: you may be able to discern what is best." Philippians 1:9-10