

A silhouette of a shepherd standing on a grassy hill, holding a long staff. Three sheep are visible in the foreground, also in silhouette. The background is a soft, hazy sunset or sunrise sky with a warm glow on the left side. The title text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

INTRO TO
BIBLICAL
LEADERSHIP

8 Foundations for Spiritual growth

- Grace as the cornerstone
- Gospel/salvation
- Identity in Christ
- View of God
- Ministry of the Spirit
- Word of God
- Participation in body life
- Worship

Homework for July 5

- What is our view of the Bible? Is it authoritative? Can we give Biblical evidence for our view.
- Do we believe it is our source for faith and for the practice of our Christian life?

2 Tim 3:16-17



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- Our view of the accuracy, authority, and current applicability will shape how we obey/follow current church leadership and will impact how we train ourselves and others to lead.
- Discipleship Foundation: A recognition that God's Word can and should speak into our lives, having the final say over our thoughts, attitudes, and actions. Therefore, I benefit from studying it on a regular basis, rightly dividing and interpreting it so that I may become more mature in Christ. 2 Timothy 3:16

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- Do I point those I'm leading toward the Word. "Let's see what the Word says about that." It is on the basis of the Word that we would direct a person towards or away from any given thing.

FBC Leadership Values

- Being able “able to exhort in sound doctrine and refute those who contradict”. Titus 1:9
- Directing ones **thinking** to align with the Word of God by:
 - Teaching/reminding what it says.
 - Admonishing to reject thinking that deviates from the Word.
 - Encouraging to bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. 2 Cor. 10:5

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- How would an incorrect view of scripture impact our ministry to our case study couple?
- How does an incorrect view impact my thinking, my attitudes, and my actions toward others?



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Case Study #1: Archie from your community group asks to meet with you to discuss his marriage. You have known him and his wife, Maggie, for many years. They are in their late 30s with several children. They have been church members for a while and at times very active in ministry. Maggie is likable and well connected in the church and in your group. Archie is a loner who is disconnected.(*). You've had concerns about his work habits and his skills as a husband and father for some time.(*). He seems disengaged with his family and very self-focused.(*). You've attempted to speak with him about your concerns but he's refused to engage with you.(*). When you meet, Archie discloses that Maggie has admitted to an affair with a work colleague and is demanding a divorce.(*).

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- Directing one's **attitude(s)** to align with the Word of God.
 - These are the settled conclusion(s) of the mind.
 - They can be difficult to change, requiring a teachable heart.
 - Will only change when the thinking that formed such is re-examined against the Word.
 - How does this apply to your outlook on being a leader and the values that you have?
 - How does this apply to the way that you lead others?

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- I'm asking you to consider being a godly leader for the remainder of your life. This determination will then guide your thoughts and actions as you develop over time and as you seek to build into the hearts and lives of others.

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- The Word determines what a scriptural leader is **like**.
 - Gentle 1 Thess. 2:7
 - Shepherds heart - 1 Thess 2:8
 - Faithful - 1 Cor. 4:2
 - Humble
 - Other examples:

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- The Word determines what a scriptural leader is **does (actions)**.
 - Leads by example. 2 Cor. 1:3-6; 1 Tim 4:12
 - Willing to teach
 - Patient } 2 Tim. 2:24-25
 - Meek
 - Willing to delegate - Titus 1:5
 - Willing to give direction 1 Pete 5:2-3
 - Other examples: