

# LEAD THE WAY

*"There was a man SENT from God whose name was John."*

## John

**1:6-14** There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

He came as a witness to tell about the light (Jesus) so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world . . . So the **Word became human** and made his home among us.

**Truth: There was a man sent from God whose name was \_\_\_\_\_.** (*write your name*)

## Lead with your WORDS.

### John

**1:19-23** This was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Temple assistants from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?" He came right out and said,

**"I am not the Messiah."**

"Well then, who are you?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?" "No," he replied. "Are you the Prophet we are expecting?" "No." "Then who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us. What do you have to say about yourself?"

John replied in the words of the prophet Isaiah:

**"I am a voice shouting in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way for the LORD's coming!'"**

## Lead with your ACTIONS.

### Isaiah

40:3-5 "Listen! It's the voice of someone shouting,  
'Prepare the way through the wilderness for the LORD!  
Make a straight highway through the wasteland for our God!  
Lift up the valleys, and level the mountains and hills.  
Straighten the curves, and smooth out the rough places.

Then the glory of **the LORD will be revealed**, and all the **people will see** it together. The LORD has spoken!"

**Truth: YOU may be the only God THEY ever see.**

**Q: How are you showing others "The Way"?**

## Lead with your LIFE.

### John

3:26-30 John's disciples came to him, and said, "Rabbi, the man you met on the other side of the Jordan River, the one you identified as the Messiah, is also baptizing people. And ***everybody is going to him instead of coming to us.***"

John replied, "No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven. You yourselves know how plainly I told you, 'I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him. . .!' Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success."

**He must increase, and I must decrease.**

**Truth: The truest test of a LEADER  
is his willingness to FOLLOW.**

# Questions and Actions.

**Q:** Do you view yourself as a **Leader**? (*explain why or why not*)

**Q:** Are you more prone to lead with your words or with your actions?

Words    Actions    Both

**Q:** What are **the words** that you need to be saying but haven't been?

**Q:** What are **the actions** that you need to be showing but haven't been?

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**Prayer :** "God - sometimes I don't want to be a Leader, but I know that you're calling me to **Lead the Way**. Help me use my words and my actions to represent you well. With your strength - I commit to leading myself, my family, and my community. Amen."

**Action :**

- Identify *one person* that you haven't been leading very well and ask them for their **forgiveness** and **support** as you're becoming the leader God is calling you to be. (*This is not easy but it's a game changer.*)