



SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

Leadership

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

– *John Quincy Adams*

A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be.

– *Rosalynn Carter*

Opening and Chalice Lighting

We light this chalice
To honour those brave souls
Who spoke their truth,
Who questioned authority,
Who defied orthodoxy.
Their courage speaks to us through this chalice
And encourages us all
To think strongly
To love fully

In our shared quest for truth, beauty and meaning.

—*Derek McCullough (Australian and New Zealand
Unitarian Association, from ICUU.net)*

Quiet Reflection

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

- *Winston Churchill*

Sharing/ Check-In

Take two or three minutes to share how you are spiritually, psychologically, emotionally, and physically. You can speak or you can pass. We want to know how you are in this moment.

Topic Readings

When the wise one governs,
the people barely know he exists.
Next best is a leader who is loved.
After that, one who is feared.
The worst is one who is despised.
If you don't trust the people,
you make them untrustworthy.
The wise one doesn't talk, he acts.
When his work is done,
the people say
"Amazing: we did it, all by ourselves!"
- *Adapted from Tao Te Ching #17, by Lao Tsu*

The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution, who resists the sorest temptations from within and without, who bears the heaviest burdens

cheerfully, who is calmest in storms and most fearless under menace and frowns,
whose reliance on truth, on virtue, on God, is most unfaltering. I believe this
greatness to be most common among the multitude, whose names are never heard.
- *William Ellery Channing*

**Break/Quiet
Contemplation**

If there is any secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person's point of
view and see things from his angle as well as from your own.
- *Henry Ford*

**Sharing/Deep
Listening**

*Speak about this topic in any way that is comfortable to you. If you choose to use the
questions, focus on just one or two, as this will allow you to go deeper into the topic.*

- Who are some leaders that you've followed? How deeply did you trust them?
What was the basis of your trust? What did you learn from them about leading
well?
- When, where, how have you been a leader? Who followed you, how deeply did
they trust you, on what basis?

Discussion

*This is a time to supportively respond to something another person said or to relate
additional thoughts that may have occurred as others shared.*

**Checkout/
Likes & Wishes**

What did you like about this meeting? What would you like to see change at future
meetings?

**Closing Reading/
Extinguish Chalice**

Because of those who came before us, we are;
in spite of their failings, we believe;
because of their vision,
and in spite of its horizons,
we, too, dream.
Let us go remembering to praise,
to live in the moment,
to love mightily,
to bow to the mystery.
- *Barbara Pescan, Singing the Living Tradition Hymnal #680*