

1. Great Leaders of Israel

- a) Moses – Exodus 14:21-31
- b) Deborah – Judges 4:1-16
- c) Josiah – 2 Kings 23:1-8
- d) Others?

2. Leaders who led Israel astray

- a) Rehoboam – 1 Kings 12:1-16 What foolish mistake did Rehoboam make as a leader? (James 1:5)
- b) Ahab – 1 Kings 21: 1-16
- c) Others?

3. Leadership lessons from Nehemiah

- a) Nehemiah 1:4 – Care about your people.
- b) Nehemiah 1:8-9 (see also Ezra 7:10) – Be attentive and obedient to the Word of God.
- c) Nehemiah 1:5-11, 2:4 (see also Ezra 8:21-23) – Pray for forgiveness and divine guidance.
- d) Nehemiah 2:4-8 – Be ready to act decisively when God opens a door.
- e) Nehemiah 2:11-12, 17-18 – Have a clear vision of what needs to be accomplished.
- f) Nehemiah 2:20 (see also 3:1-32) – Delegate authority and responsibilities.

- g) Nehemiah 4:21-23 – Be a servant leader who actively engages in the work at hand.
- h) Nehemiah 5:6-11, 14-19 – Care about justice and fight against injustice.
- i) Nehemiah 4:7-20 – Do not be overwhelmed by human opposition but focus on God and His strength.
- j) Nehemiah 6:2-4 – Stay focused on your mission when distractions come.
- k) Nehemiah 13:6-9 – Be willing to make a long-term commitment to complete the mission assignment.

4. Jesus, our model Servant Leader

- a) What incidents in the life and ministry of Jesus give beautiful examples of servant leadership?
 - i) John 13:1-17 – Jesus washes his disciples’ feet.
 - ii) Mark 10:35-45 – Jesus teaches about serving rather than being served.
 - iii) John 2:13-17 – Jesus cleanses the Temple.
 - iv) Other examples?
- b) Where have you seen leaders following the example of Jesus as a servant leader?
- c) How can we avoid the trap of acting as lords rather than servant leaders?
- d) What are some ways we can support and affirm our leaders?

