

## Leadership

- Introduction
  - God's objective: A big family that will last.
  - People are essential to the plan.
  - Creation is an incubator for faith expressing itself through love.
  - The family will endure if all the members trust each other implicitly and care about each other passionately.
  - Faith and love are choices, so God cannot take away the bad choices or His objective can't happen.

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  - The condition of the world, ruined by people, gives us a clear choice of whom to trust: ourselves or God.
  - Faithful people have a job: to teach faith to both people and angels.
  - Faithful people are all leaders: priests, ambassadors, and evidence.
  - How? Watch how Jesus and John the Baptist did it.

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- Step One: "How's that working for you?"
  - Repent means to turn around or to watch out for that disaster in the distance.
  - We need to know what people want and show them how to get there.

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- Step Two: Advance Advertising
  - Matthew 10 – sending out the 12. Luke 10 – sending out the 70.
  - Go to those who are listening, not those who don't care.
  - Ask strangers for help.
  - Fixing things gets attention.
  - Introduce them to the family.
  - Expect miracles, be creative, be open to weirdness.

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- Step Three: "As one having authority"
  - Say what you think like you mean it.
  - Don't quote other people; this isn't a term paper.
  - If you make a mistake, go back and fix it. No harm done.
  - Raise awareness that life can make sense, that joy is available.

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- Step Four: Don't quote a lot of Scripture
  - Summarize history. Just give the relevant details.
  - Build on a Scripture that everyone knows.
  - Mention the predictions that all came true.
  - Don't try to validate your idea with Scripture. Your idea must stand on its own.
  - If others want to compare your idea to the Bible, be prepared.
  - Keep it simple.
  - Let the Spirit provide wisdom and understanding; expect it.

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- Step Five: Be interesting
  - Jesus used parables, analogies, and memorable one-liners.
  - People are accustomed to scholars and mystics. Be real.
  - Show how all of life fits together in a sensible way.
  - “Don’t worry; be happy.”
  - Update the parables.
  - Learn some one-liners.

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Every Christian is important, essential to the plan. Be open to help from the Spirit. Give outsiders a positive expectation and bring them home to meet your diverse and slightly strange family. They will fit right in.