

## Judges 5

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### When leaders lead and the people follow (:2)

The song starts by drawing attention to the role of the leaders and followers. It presents a good opportunity for us to think through what the Bible says about leadership. Godly leadership is vital to our homes and churches. We believe God's design is for leaders within the local church. Take the time to look up these passages in your Bible and think through what God is teaching us about leadership. There is a lot in these passages. You may have used up all your study time, by the time you read them through. That's totally fine. If all you do at study this week is focus on these passages below, it would be a good use of the time.

Hebrews 13:7 We are to remember the example, life, and teaching of our leaders and how it has impacted us. We are to follow their example.

Hebrews 13:17 Leadership must be accompanied by submission and obedience. Note the responsibility and accountability of the leader. Church membership seems to come into play as the leaders know who they will give an account for. Also the importance of joy.

1 Timothy 3:2 (if time permits study from v. 2-7) Again, this verse focuses on the character of the leader with the ability to lead. Take the time to think through what these character traits are and why they are important.

1 Timothy 4:11-14 Timothy who was a young leader (likely pastor). Look at how he is instructed to lead the people.

Mark 10:42-45; John 13:13-17 highlight the importance of servant leadership. The Bible makes it clear that being a leader is not a status symbol. Although leaders typically have more responsibility, they do not have more value in the kingdom of God.

James 3:1 Leaders typically have more opportunities to speak publicly. We better be very careful with what we say. Matthew 5:37

1 Timothy 5:17-18 is foundational to paid leaders. Leading takes time if it is to be done well. Provision for those leaders needs must be met.

I hope you enjoyed your whirlwind tour of some verses to do with Biblical leadership of the church!! Before we get back to Judges, answer the following questions.

1. How familiar are you with the Bible's teaching on church leadership?
2. Do you know what leadership we have in place at Emmanuel?
3. How often do you pray for the leaders at Emmanuel?
4. Try to think of one practical way that you could encourage one of the leaders at Emmanuel?

If you have any questions about the leadership at Emanuel, please get in contact with one of the pastors or board members.

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## Bless the Lord

Pastor Don outlined two definitions of "Bless the Lord"

1. When a superior blesses an inferior.
2. When an inferior blesses a superior.

Psalm 103:1,2 tell us to “Bless the Lord and forget not all his benefits to me.”  
What are you blessing the Lord for this week?

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## The Spontaneous Song

How can self-consciousness inhibit our response in song?

Do you have trouble engaging in the singing during the worship service? Why is that?

The song seems to have been penned spontaneously (Verse 1,3). There are many instances in the Bible when song seems to be the right way for God’s people to respond to what God has done. God moves in power and brings deliverance. His people respond with song.

For the sake of time, it might be beneficial to split into smaller groups.

Assign each of the groups one of the passages from below.

Take a few minutes to study through the assigned passage and work through the three questions.

Come together as one group again and have a representative from each group present the answers they found as they worked through the questions.

Some of the passages are long. Make sure people are just doing a quick survey and not looking in-depth at each passage

### **The passages**

Exodus 15:1-18

Revelation 5:9-10

1 Samuel 2:1-10

2 Samuel 22

Luke 1:46-55

### **The questions**

1. What is the occasion for singing (what has just happened)
2. Who sings...and what does that indicate.
3. What is the content of the song....are there key attributes or actions of God.