

Questions about the Intro:

1. p. 9: (*Everyone Answers*) Doug says, "I've watched amazing life changes happen to students who didn't think they were leaders or who didn't understand Christian leadership." In general, do you actually think of yourself as a leader? If so, why? If not, what prevents you from thinking of yourself as a leader?
2. p. 11: Doug makes the bold claim that "leadership isn't about popularity". Do you agree or disagree with this? Why?
 - (a) How might popularity positively impact someone's ability to lead? Negatively impact it?
3. p. 11: (*Everyone Answers*) At the end of the intro, Doug asks you to "write down your current definition of student leadership." What is your current definition of student leadership? Who or what has influenced your definition?

Questions about Chapter 1:

4. p. 15: Doug argues that "you'll find the primary objective of a biblical leader is to serve." Do you agree or disagree? Why?
 - (a) How do you think this compares to the primary objective of leaders, in general?
5. Read Matthew 20:25-26. What does it mean to be a servant?
 - (a) Why do you think biblical leadership is so connected to service?
6. p. 16: According to Doug, "Jesus didn't just speak about serving; he modeled it." How did Jesus model serving?
7. p. 16: Doug says, "The greatest act of servanthood was also the greatest act of leadership the world has ever seen." What was that act of leadership?
 - (a) Do you agree it's the greatest act of leadership the world has ever seen? Why or why not?
8. p. 17: "Instead of viewing your leadership role as a chance to exert power and voice your opinions, view it as an opportunity to serve." Why is this important?
 - (a) Does this mean it's wrong for you to voice your opinions? Why or why not?
 - (b) How would our youth ministry change if our leadership team suddenly became a chance for you to exert power?
9. p. 18: Doug argues, "Many church-based student leadership programs are populated by the cute, fun, and outgoing kids who win popularity contests within the youth group." Do you think someone could say that about us? Why or why not?
 - (a) Why might a student leadership program populated by the cute, fun, and outgoing kids be a bad thing?
10. p. 19: Doug confesses, "I had a lot of students who wanted to be known as leaders... but not many who wanted to serve as leaders." Be honest. How important is it to you to be known as a leader? Why?
 - (a) In the context of our youth ministry, what might it look like for you to serve as a leader?

11. p. 21: Doug reminds us that “God used disobedient liars, adulterers, big mouths, and fearful people” as leaders. Look at the list of people Doug names as examples of surprising Biblical leaders. Who else would you add to this list? Why?
12. p. 21: (*Everyone Answers*) “Don't be consumed with your past that you lose sight of what God can do with you now and in the future.” To be the leader God is calling you to be, what in your past do you need to let go of? Why?
 - (a) What do you hope God will do with you as a student leader in FLY this year? Why?
13. p. 21: According to Doug, “The most likely candidate for leadership is the person who submits his life to God humbly, puts the needs of others before his own needs, and has a genuine desire to serve.” What do you think it means to “humbly submit your life to God”?
 - (a) How easy or hard has it been for you to “humbly submit your life to God”?
14. p. 22: Doug shared the story of how setting up for youth ministry things made his student Taylor “feel ownership for our ministry because he's made an investment with his time, heart, and service.” What does it mean to “feel ownership” of something?
 - (a) Why's it important for you to feel ownership of our youth ministry?
 - (b) What might enable you to feel ownership of our youth ministry?
15. p. 23: “When you show up at your youth ministry, you make a choice to be a consumer (where you are served by others) or a minister (where you serve others).” Before now, which have you been in our youth ministry? Why?
16. p. 24: According to Doug, “God rewards your acts of service.” Do you agree or disagree with this? Why?