

## Ministry Team Lesson

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Have you ever heard the statement “*you must lead yourself before you can lead others?*” What do you think this statement means? Why do you think this statement is true/not true?

What does the word “character” mean to you?

Why do you think Proverbs 4:23 “*Guard your heart, for out of it comes the issues of life*” is such an important scripture in regards to leadership?

What do you think God has uniquely purposed you to do? Are you working towards living your life with that purpose?

*“Leaders must accomplish things through, with and for people, and that can happen only with the ability to build relationships.”* After reading this statement what do you think is the importance of relationships as related to leading others?

God has taught us a great principle in 1 John 4:19. We are to love God because He demonstrated his love for us first. As leaders, we must be willing to take the initial step (which can be risky) towards others by giving them our love before we are guaranteed anything in return. Many people aren’t willing to take this risk and that is why they never reach the leadership potential God has placed inside of them.

Remember, in order to lead others you must first lead yourself in your **character**, **purpose** and **relationships**.