

**Big Idea: The V Formation – Building Uplift**

The V formation of geese offers us important lessons in leadership:

1. A flock of geese properly aligned creates “team uplift” that adds 71% flying range than each bird flying alone.
2. Geese Survival requires that they anticipate future needs on a regular basis and consider both short and long-term needs.
3. A flock of geese takes turns leading the V and to do so must be clear about the destination.
4. The V formation remains flexible depending on the task or challenge before them.
5. Geese motivate each other through constant encouragement with an acute ability to listen to one another.
6. Geese support and protect a member of the flock who is sick or wounded – they never leave a team-member behind.

**As members of the flock, as leaders in our V formation, others are watching how we deliver team uplift and they will usually weigh us in the following areas:**

**1. Our appearance.**

This goes beyond outer garments and includes one's facial expressions and pleasantness. People like to be with those who are pleasant.

*To be a good leader, we want to surround ourselves with people who enjoy being with us.*



**2. How we react under pressure.**

What comes to the surface when under pressure is a key to your character. From a Christian worldview, we can be angry, disappointed, or downright aggravated about something.

*To be a good leader we must let Christ be the one to shape our response to the things that are squeezing us and causing the pressure.*

**3. How we deal with people.**

People and their needs should be our primary focus in our homes, churches, workplaces and community. As leaders, we are often responsible for influencing others and as such, we need to be able to discern people's life needs and know how to successfully match people's gifts and passions with the tasks that need to be completed.

*To be a good leader we learn how to motivate each family member or team member based on the individual's uniqueness.*

**4. How we communicate.**

Communicating is a two way street. It is one part information dissemination, one part mission advancement, one part vision casting, one part team input, ownership and empowerment and then served on an encouraging and motivational platter in a safe and non-judgmental environment.

*To be a good leader we are an encouraging listener who is willing to be patient, expects to be challenged, sees the best in those he serves and looks for his teachable moment in every situation.*

**5. Our competence.**

Effective leaders are competent in what they do and have gained the trust of those who work alongside and follow them. They continue to work toward improving their knowledge and skill sets and understand their need to model continued education in their career.

*To be a good leader we always seek to better understand our servant leadership role and how to successfully strengthen, encourage and motivate those who we work alongside.*



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### Questions:

Name 1 or 2 people in one or all of the 4 quadrants of life that you lead or influence.

Family: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Workplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Consider for the two people most pressing on your heart how you can better lead, influence, and encourage them.

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Look at the life of someone to whom you look up to in a leadership role.

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Consider why you look up to the person and what you could do to develop some of the same traits in your life.



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**As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.** Proverbs 27:17

**Servant leadership starts with a vision and ends with a servant heart that helps people live according to that vision.**

The Servant Leader, Ken Blanchard

The Church is central to God's plan, and discipling men is central to the mission of the Church.

Leaders Briefing, Pat Morley

*"Leaders are qualified to lead to the degree they are willing to serve."*

*"Leaders determine to influence, while followers only happen to influence"*

Edwin Louis Cole

**"The most powerful force in the world is a relationship. Build around relationships, not programs. The relationship is the task."** Man in the Mirror, Pat Morley

**To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy which so powerfully works in me.** Colossians 1:29