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# DISCUSSION GUIDE I

### Chapter Discussion Questions

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### INTRODUCTION

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PASTOR

Have you had an advocate in the past?

Have you had times when you needed an advocate?

Do you have someone in mind for a advocate currently?

ADVOCATE

Have you had an advocate relationship with a Pastor in the past?

Have you had an advocate relationship in other areas of your life?

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### C H A P T E R 1 : LIFT LOAD OF MINISTRY

##### Discussion Questions

Describe your average:

* Day
* Week What tasks are most draining (burdensome)?

How can we work together to lift the load of ministry?

How do you pray?

* Daily
* Weekly

PASTOR

Has there been a time in your ministry when you faced trials?

Has there been a time in your ministry when you felt alone and needed an advocate?

ADVOCATE

How do you personally serve your Church?

How do you personally support your Pastor?

Have you ever been attacked for your support of your Pastor?

* How?
* What did you do to handle it?

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### C H A P T E R 2 : REMOVE ALONENESS

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##### Discussion Questions

BOTH

Have you ever stumbled in your ministry? Have you ever felt overworked in your ministry? Have you ever had a friend to aid you in ministry? Have you ever taken a “call” to help your Pastor? Have you ever had a true accountability partner?

Do you recognize and know each other’s family?

Do you have each other’s contact information? What does the caller ID say when each calls the other?

Do you have a “Kathy’s Kitchen” type of place?

Does “pride” get in your way?

* What does “pride” look like for you?

What does it look like when you are overworked?

* Physically?
* Emotionally?

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### CHAPTE R 3 : ENCOURAGER

##### Discussion Questions

PASTOR

Have you faced opposition in your ministry?

From outside?

From inside?

Have you ever felt insecure about your ministry?

ADVOCATE

Do you encourage those around you?

Are you more apt to listen than talk?

Do you use open ended questions often in conversation?

Can you tell me more about that?

What are major stress points in your week?

How do you like to be encouraged?

What makes you feel insecure?

What can you do to be a better listener?

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### CHAPTE R 4 : CAL L T O MINISTR Y

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PASTOR

Describe your call to ministry

Describe your sermon prep

Daily

Hour commitment

BOTH

What are your skills?

Passions?

How can they be used together?

What are your top 3 spiritual gifts?

RESOURCE LINK (SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY FROM LIFEWAY):

<http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF_MYCS_030526_Spiritual_Gifts_Survey.pdf>

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### CHAPTE R 5 : TRANS PARENCY

##### Discussion Questions

What are you transparent about?

What do you need to be more transparent about?

Are there any confessions you need to make today?

Do you have a “quiet place” to study?

How can you protect that place?

How and what can I (should I) hold you accountable for?

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### CHAPTE R 6 : PR AYER

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##### Discussion Questions

Do you pray daily for your Church?

Do you pray daily for your advocate?

Do you pray daily for your Pastor?

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### CHAPTE R 7 : REST

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##### Discussion Questions

When do you rest?

How do your rest?

How do you know when to rest?

How can you find time to:

* + Rest one hour per day
  + Rest one day a week
  + Rest one weekend a quarter
  + Rest one week a year
  + Rest one month every five years

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### CHAPTE R 8 : REL ATIONA L HEAL TH

##### Discussion Questions

What is one good idea you have worked on for each concentric circle:

* Love for the Lord
* Love for your Spouse
* Love for your Children
* Love for your Community of Faith
* Love for people outside your Community of Faith

How is your life going in each circle? *(Use the following pages for your notes.)*

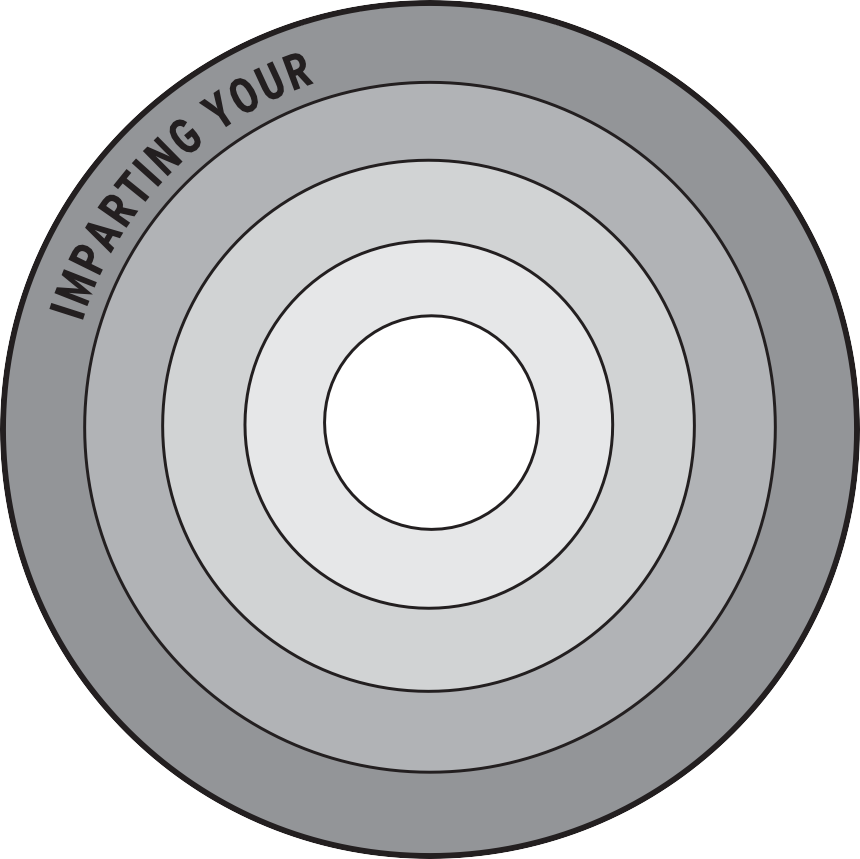
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### CONCENTRI C CIRCLE S O F LEADE R CARE

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We have written an app for iPhone that allows you to pray the concentric circles each day. Find the app in the Apple Store under *“Take 5 Prayer App”.*

*The Concentric Circles graphic is available for download at:* [***www.liftyourpastor.com***](http://www.liftyourpastor.com/)



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How is your life going in the area of love for the Lord?

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### CHAPTE R 9 : INTERCED E FO R PASTOR

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##### Discussion Questions

How can we start a 30 Plus 1 Ministry?

* Who will be our coordinator?

What questions will we want ask potential 30 Plus 1 Men?

What “banners” have you seen Church members carry?

What “banners” have been carried lately?

Have you carried any “banners” that need to be revealed?

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### CHAPTE R 10 : PASTOR‘ S TIME

##### Discussion Questions

Describe your devotional time

Did you spend quality time with your wife this week?

Did you spend quality time with your children this week?

Are there any “tough conversations” we need to have?

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### FINA L WORD : CAL L T O ACTION

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Will you ask a man to be your advocate?

Will you commit to going through this book with him?