

# LEADERSHIP WINESKIN

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## LEADING FROM AHEAD

### VISIONARY-MINDED LEADERSHIP

- **Leadership** - taking something or someone from where it is to where it should be
  - *If you are not visionary and leading from ahead, you won't be able to see where something/someone is supposed to be*
  - This means we must seek God for the direction and potential of who or what we are leading, and equip who or what we are leading to manifest that potential.

### EXAMPLES:

1. JESUS - saw where His disciples were but also what they needed to become AND what, in turn, His CHURCh needed to become
  - a. **Follow me and I will MAKE YOU... (Matthew 4:19)**
2. God is NEVER stagnant - He is always improving things, building and expanding
3. McDonalds
  - a. McDonalds brothers had a great mindset and model, but not enough vision or capacity to see what that model could become.
  - b. It took Ray Kroc to see what it could become and take
4. Safety & Welcoming Team

### HOW DO VISIONARY LEADERS THINK?

A leader who is leading from ahead is constantly asking themselves these types of questions about what they are doing and what the area they are leading is doing:

1. **Do I see beyond what is happening and what we are doing right now?**
  - a. Seeking where God wants to take us
  - b. Proactively thinking about what could be, more than just maintaining what/where/who we are now?
    - Thinking Beyond the Status Quo
  - c. Understand the weight of positive potential & negative possibilities
    - Positive potential - what could happen if, what if God

- Negative possibilities - what would happen if we don't
- 2. What am I doing to help others see and believe in where we are going?**
  - a. Cast vision, build excitement and create buy in
    - Be intentional about when and how often you do this
  - b. Have other leaders within the ministry convey these things
- 3. What do we need in order to go from where we want to go?**
  - a. Evaluating people
    - Collective skill level and knowledge
    - Individual skill level and knowledge of those who could be key contributors, or leaders within the ministry
    - Time and/or commitment limitations
    - Who is *really* on board and bought in
    - How many people do we *really* have
  - b. Evaluating resources
  - c. Remaining knowledgeable about emerging concepts, technologies, best practices and things that could enhance and improve things.
- 4. What are our strengths and weaknesses NOW that could impact who and what we could be LATER?**
  - a. Strengths
    - What are we good at?
    - What are we doing that we can build on
  - b. Weaknesses
    - What aren't we good at?
    - What do we need to be better at?
    - Am I aware of the things that could be working against us.
- 5. Am I operating on the same "level" as those I am leading?**
  - a. In skill and knowledge
  - b. In passion
  - c. In vision
  - d. Am I growing ("Leaders are Learners")
    - *Leading those who are generally more skilled than you can easily cause us to lead out of insecurity and cause those we are leading to have less trust in us.*
- 6. Am I modeling where we are going (direct leadership)**
  - a. Am I leading by example
    - Leading by example builds trust
- 7. Can i anticipate needs and challenges before hand, or am I merely reacting to them as they arise**
  - a. What are the challenges that might be ahead?

- b. Can I create solutions for them in advance?
- c. How might people respond to changes or something I may have to communicate?
  - How can I mitigate negative feelings and/or pushback vs. responding to it?

**8. How can I lead my “area” in a way that supports and strengthens the larger overall visions and goals of the Church?**

- a. Taking initiative to consider and have vision beyond just my area of responsibility
- b. Purposely considering how what my area is doing can help the church as a whole get to where it is trying to go.