



Samuel – leading with integrity

AT A GLANCE



Bible

1 Samuel 12:1–5



Topic

Integrity and leadership



Takeaway

Leading credibly – even when nobody is watching



10–15 minutes



Object: cards with short leadership situations from everyday group life



Preparation: 10 min



indoors or by the fire



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Integrity and leadership". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Ask: Which leaders do you trust – and why? Collect qualities.

3 min

Bible text

Samuel led Israel all his life. When he says farewell, he stands before the whole people and asks: "Whose ox have I taken? Whom have I cheated or oppressed? From whom have I accepted a bribe?" And the people answer: "No one. You have not cheated us or taken anything from us." Samuel can ask this question because he was faithful in small things for decades.

5 min

Thought

Leadership means power – over programmes, money, groups and sometimes over people who are younger and more dependent. Integrity shows in small things: accounting honestly, keeping promises, not playing favourites, admitting mistakes. It also means respecting other people's boundaries and taking the safeguarding policy seriously. Whoever leads like that can ask Samuel's question at the end.

5 min

Conversation

Which question would you like to be able to ask yourself at the end of your time as a leader?



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Prayer to read aloud

God, you have entrusted me with responsibility. Make me honest and faithful in small things, so that others can trust me. Amen.



To think further

- How do you recognise leaders you can trust?
- Where are you tempted to use your role to your own advantage – even in small ways?



For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.



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