

LEADIAGRAMS: 52 VISUALS TO HELP YOU THRIVE IN YOUR FAITH AND LEAD EFFECTIVELY

Andy Frost and Chris Frost (2023, 100 Movements Publishing, Wyoming)

There are so many leadership resources out there that sometimes it's hard to see the wood for the trees. Leadiagrams, by brothers Andy and Chris Frost, is a great book if you are a busy leader looking to grow as it distils a huge amount of research into manageable and useable chunks – and does so visually.

There are four main sections which allows you to home in on a particular area to reflect on:

- Leading Yourself.
- Leading Others.
- Leading Projects.
- Leading Church Life.

Each chapter starts with a diagram to present the main point with a short narrative to set the scene. A brief summary of the 'Big Idea' follows with a biblical insight, pointers for application, questions for reflection, and there is further reading if you want to go deeper.

For anyone already familiar with leadership concepts – such as the Cycle of Grace; the Johari Window; or the Priority Jar – some ideas will feel familiar, but are no less valuable.

This book gathers together accumulated wisdom, rather than present the 'latest new idea'. The book's USP is how this accessible format gets the reader to think not just about the theory, but about how this makes a difference in real life and ministry.

Leadiagrams works well as a book of personal reflections, and could also be really useful in a mentoring or coaching context.

But it would really come into its own when used by teams who work together – pretty much any of the chapters would make great discussion starters for leadership team meetings.

Inevitably, an approach like this can be hit and miss. Some chapters will grab you more than others. For me, the biggest polarisation came in the Leading Church Life section, where one or two chapters seemed to cross the line from 'helpful summary' to 'oversimplification'; while others, such as the chapter on Considering Relevance struck me as particularly provocative and insightful. But in the end, this is a book full of great ideas (52 of them), with something for everyone, so it's worth getting stuck in!

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