



Focus

One aspect of leadership is discerning what to focus on, where to go. For those in Christian leadership this is about discerning God's direction. With many models of how to do this, and some confusion over terms, this module looks at how to lead well with others to discern where God is leading in a particular context at a particular time.

Reflect

THE ONE BOOK TO READ

- Good Strategy, Bad Strategy, Richard Rumelt (Profile Books).

FOR FURTHER READING

- Missional Map-making, Alan Roxburgh (Jossey Bass).
- Advanced Strategic Planning, Aubrey Malphurs (Baker).
- The Advantage, Patrick Lencioni (Jossey Bass).

OTHER RESOURCES

- Andy Stanley Podcasts are excellent. Search for 'Vision is a team sport' and 'Visioneering parts 1-2'.
- www.biblicalleadership.com/blogs/3-steps-to-discern-vision.
- Discerning Leadership, Graham Cray (Grove Booklets).
- How to Do Mission Action Planning, Mark Ireland and Mike Chew (SPCK).

Explore

MENTOR

- Discuss your experience of discerning direction: how do you feel about having responsibility for helping those you lead discern where God is leading? What would help you become more confident in this area of your leadership?

PEER CELLS

- Agree beforehand that you are going to use an action learning set approach (see pages 15-16, Discerning Direction, Part 4: Putting it into practice) to help someone with an issue they have with discerning direction. Identify who this person is, who will facilitate the time, and then when you meet follow the guidelines.

Develop

Reflecting on this module, what new personal or leadership goals do you sense God nudging you towards? Or is there an existing goal he is nudging you to revisit? Make a note here of anything that comes to mind. (Use the reverse side if you need more space.)

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