

Handbook for Spiritual Leadership Training

Serving Power

Discussion Handout for Long Distance Learning

Week/Session 4 - Holding Power

Resource: Read *Practice Hints and Helps* (the third section) of *Serving Power*

Read Ephesians 3:17b-21

How does this passage relate to our personal power?

Power – How to Pursue and Prepare for it

How do you pursue power by preparation and then waiting? Can you describe an example of that from your observations or experiences?

How have you been preparing for power?

Power – How to Hold It

Describe specific examples of where you have seen power used as a weapon of goodness and a weapon of harm.

What is the difference between a weapon and a tool?

What are some positive examples you've seen or experienced where power was held as a tool for ministry?

What are some examples when power, as a tool, has become counter-productive to the purposes of ministry?

What does this paragraph from the article mean to you? "When ministry uses power as a tool, it is essential to remember that the purpose of a tool is to channel the force of power into a useful intention and when that intention is accomplished, what's left is the purpose, not the tool."

What are the distinguishing characteristics of an instrument?

How does power become different when held as an instrument instead as a tool?

Power – How to Keep it From Going Bad

What, in your view, is the difference between power and empower?

Wrapping Up the Training Topic

Be sure and express your gratitude to the SL Coach for taking the time to invest in you.

Fill out the SL Learner Training Assessment and email to your Area Director.