

Media



✓ Prepare in Advance

- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos and music listed.
- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

✓ Group

Show the *Bible Background Video* followed by the “Vicar of Dibley” clips, then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion.

- In what ways do you think the scripture is reflected in these video clips?
- In what ways do you think these clips are at least somewhat representative of life in your your congregation?
- How does your congregation typically deal with the tension between normal human nature, and what the world teaches us about relationships, versus the way faith teaches us relationships should be?
- In what ways might this tension be played out by the way your congregation, or its members, deals with its leaders?
- To what degree does your congregation work to protect its members from your leaders, versus nurturing the leaders and why?
- Understanding that helping and leading groups of people can be very isolating and demanding, what does your congregation typically do in order to ensure that all its members, including those who help and lead, receive adequate care?

✓ React To This

Play the “Eric the Viking” and “Lord of the Rings” clips, stopping briefly after each for any comments, then ask questions like:

- How do you think these clips fit in with the discussion we’ve been having so far?
- In your experience, which of the two leadership styles exhibited in these clips is most like what you have come to expect from church leaders and why?
- How do you, personally, deal with the tension between trying to lead and help people while trying to be just another part of a group?
- What do you think is the most important quality a leader can exhibit that would help you feel that you share their mission?

- What quality do you bring to groups that might help other people better feel that they are accepted and cared for?
- How can a leader know that you are there for them, as much as they are there for you?

✓ Close

Ask volunteers in the group to name some thing with which a spiritual leader or helper in your community needs care and support. Pray for the people or conditions that are named, and that you may all benefit from better supporting each other.

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