**The Disciple Series Week 7**

Welcome to the Disciple Series.

In week 1 we learnt that a disciple is Word-based.

In week 2 we learnt that a disciple is Prayer-filled.

In week 3 we learnt that a disciple isChrist-centered.

In week 4 we learnt that a disciple isSpirit-empowered.

In week 5 we learnt that a disciple is Socially-responsible.

Last week we learnt that a disciple is Mission-minded.

This week we will learn that a disciple is Leadership-empowered.

The new Avengers movie is due out soon - it is called Infinity War. Here is the trailer…

**Video:** Infinity War Trailer. Get it on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZfuNTqbHE8&t

(1) The Avengers and their allies have protected the world from threats too large for one hero to handle.

(2) But a new danger has emerged from the cosmic shadows: Thanos - a despot of intergalactic infamy.

(3) The Avengers must join forces with the Guardians of the Galaxy to stop Thanos before he destroys the universe.

**Question:** Would you volunteer to fight against Thanos? Are you more of a leader or a follower? Why?

**Definition:** A discipled-person influences people and uses their gifts to serve and lead them. We influence people through who we are, what we say and by what we do!

**Bible Passage:** “God has given each of you gifts - use them well to serve one another.” (1 Peter 4:10).

**Small Group Question:** What has God done? What must we do?

**Biblical Character:** Nehemiah – Nehemiah lived during the time that the nation of Israel were in exile and he had become a cupbearer for the king of Babylon.

(1) Nehemiah heard that the walls of Jerusalem were in ruins.

(2) Nehemiah responded by asking God and the king to help him.

(3) Nehemiah went and took a closer look at what needed to be done.

(4) Nehemiah influenced people to rebuild the walls of the city.

(5) Nehemiah handled difficulties along the way.

(6) Nehemiah celebrated with the people when the job was done.

**Question:** Are you Leadership-empowered like Nehemiah?

Maybe you are not there yet…

By the time you graduate from Encounter Youth you will know that God has called you to be a servant leader and wants to use you to influence people.

You will be able to use your gifts to serve people

You will serve people in the world around you.

**Challenge:** What can you do to become a good leader?

**Step #1: Set An Example:** Work on becoming the kind of person that God can use and that other people want to follow!

**Step #2: Offer to Help:** Look for opportunities where help is needed and make yourself available to help.

**Step #3: Use Your Gifts:** Find out what you can do and use your gifts to serve others.

**Practise: Thumbs Up/Down.** At your tables, each person thinks of a good leader and identifies one quality that makes them a good leader. One person writes all the qualities on a piece of A4 paper. There could be as many as 6 to 8 qualities mentioned depending on the number of people at the table. The person who writes down the leadership qualities - possibly the leader at the table - says: “I am going to read out the list of leadership qualities. If you feel you possess the quality, then hold your thumbs up in front of you, if you feel like you need to work on that quality, then hold your thumbs down.”

**You Response?** What will your response be to the message you have heard today? Will you work on becoming Leadership-empowered?

**Prayer:** Let’s ask God to help us become Leadership-empowered.

Next week we will learn that a disciple is Church-connected.