# ACTS OF LEADERSHIP
## Week One: Am I a Leader?
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When we **CAN'T** see a better future, we need someone who **CAN**.

**JOHN 10:10** *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

**JOHN 10:11***"I am the **good shepherd.** The **good shepherd** lays down his life for the sheep."*

**JOHN 14:12** *Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do **even greater things than these**, because I am going to the Father.*

**SERIES THESIS:** Leadership is a **DESTINATION** of discipleship.

**3 QUESTIONS:**

1. Who do I look to for leadership?
2. How am I leading myself?
3. Who looks to me for leadership?

**ACTS 1:3-9** *After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.*

**ACTS 1:6** *Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"*

**THEIR QUESTION:** When will you build our nation?

We don't all share the same **GUILT**, but we do share the same **VULNERABILITIES**.

**APPEAL OF 1st CENTURY NATIONALISM**

- It makes me more comfortable in this world.
- It centers and prioritizes the concerns that are most naturally and urgently felt by me.
- It affirms, instead of confronting, the story I tell myself about myself.
- It reinforces the illusion that it's virtuous to hate my enemies instead of loving them.

**ACTS 1:7-8** *"It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

No one goes **EVERYWHERE**, but everyone goes **SOMEWHERE**.

If you know Jesus, it's because someone thought **YOU** were worth talking to and **HE** was worth talking about.

**PRAYER:** *Jesus, thank you for the people in my life who thought I was worth talking to and that you were worth talking about. Even though I can't see it yet, would you help me see how you could use me to help others know you, too?*