# Applying the Covenant4. Deuteronomy 16:18-18:22

# Leading well…

# God does NOT divide life into sacred and secular

## In the covenant they are treated the same

### Interspersed between calls to be single-minded in following God are the rules for those who lead

# God’s leaders

## Local Judges

### Needed to be dedicated to justice alone

## Kings

### Had to be under the same covenant

## Priests

### They shall not be allowed to form a hierarchy

### They shall be wholehearted in following God alone

## Prophets

### They shall not speak for themselves or be presumptuous

### If it does come true.. listen to them because God is speaking to you today and it’s about your future and your decisions

# God’s leaders need character

### In all walks of life people get hired because of ability

### If they get fired it’s because of competency or character

## Character does not require privilege to get the job done

### Privileges are given, not taken

# God’s leaders need integrity

## The detail we are looking at is about the heart

### When you give, do it with an open hand

### When you celebrate, do it with an open home

### When you live, do it with a thankful heart

### When you look at people, do it with a heart of compassion

### When you lead, do it with a humble attitude

#### Leave greed, wealth, influence, fame, fortune, manipulation and privilege at the door when you lead in God’s Kingdom

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Dividing sacred and secular

## In what ways do people divide the sacred from the secular?

### How is it helpful in living?

### How does it promote ‘two personalities’ within a person?

# Leading well

## Who do you look up to as a leader and why?

### What makes them a good leader?

## What makes a bad leader?

### What traits do you see?

## How can we translate ‘Judges, Kings, priests and prophets’ into the language of church and the NT?

### Is there any correlation with Eph 4:11-16?

#### If so, what is it?

#### If not, why not?

# Character and integrity first

## To what extent do you agree that leadership is more about character and integrity than competency?

### Which character traits are essential for a good leader?

### Which character traits undermine a leader’s ability to lead?

### How do you define ‘integrity’?

#### Why is it important for a leader to have this?

#### What happens when a leader doesn’t have this?

# Judging people

## In what ways is 17:2-7 a safeguard against wrongful accusation?

## In what ways is it dangerous to hear only one witness?

# Detestable practices

## 18:9-13 gives a list of practices done in Egypt and in the Promised Land before the people arrived

### How does this help us live as Christians in a secular society?

### If it were written for us as God’s people in a secular land what do you think the list would include for us today?