

“FOLLOW THE LEADER”

JOHN 1:1-18

I. DESTINED TO LEAD

A. *Definition: The ability to see through the morass of lies, philosophies and agendas to God’s big picture and influence others to pursue God’s will while serving them as needed to get that done*

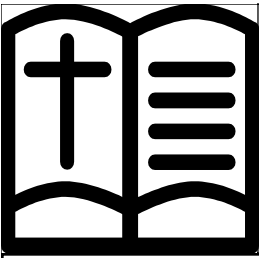
B. *Created purpose*

1. *Failure*
2. *Interruption*
3. *Rebellion*

C. *The True Leader comes to redeem and restore*

1. *No ordinary leader!*

- a. *Eternal in being, in fact divine*
- b. *The agent through whom all things were made*
- c. *He is the light that makes all things work, that gives life and understanding to all humans*
- d. *His creation is a fascinating, miraculous network of interactive, interrelated, interconnected, interdependent symbiotic relationship systems in collaborative harmony with one another; this is the essence of God’s Big Picture, His will*
- e. *No arrogance with it, just fact*
- f. *As important as He is and was to creation,*



his own creation could not recognize Him when He came; the earth, the plants and animals did but not the humans, not even His own treasured people!

- g. Grand humility - the Word became flesh; true servanthood*
- h. Yet His glory could be seen by those who received Him; He was full of grace and truth*
- i. He declared and demonstrated the truth of the Father*

2. Making ordinary people extraordinary

- a. “As many as received Him...to those who believe in His name...”*
- b. “...authority to be the children of God...”*
- c. Divine birth; union with God*
- d. They receive His fullness, grace and truth*
- e. Made after His image, therefore, their lives are like His in:*

Trust in God

Submission to God

Love of God

Power of God

Humility of God

Union with God

Leadership of God

YOU are destined to lead; it is in you by new birth. How will you lead this year? What will you influence? How will you prepare yourself, develop yourself?