

IMLAG - 40under40 Program Initiative

Scripture: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all." - Mark 10: 43-44

Our objective for the **40under40** leadership development training program is not simply to train young and emerging leaders, but to give them the tools to become a better leader. Looking at the current situation in the world, the church has a major role to play in cultivating an atmosphere of serenity, morality, and righteous living. What is also apparent is there's hardly any distinction between believers in Jesus Christ and unbelievers. We as Christians are charged by our Lord and Savior to be the salt of the world and transform it into what God intended. The goal of this program is recognizing the need to raise the next generation of leaders who will be committed to influencing the world around them for many years to come.

Remember, leadership development is not an "event" but a "process." We don't believe you can prepare to be a great leader in a day. That's why this training is only part of the journey. The leadership development process must be able to connect leaders with their expectations, aims and activities to a basic purpose. In this case, the overall vision of your Ministry. We are challenging everyone between the ages of **18 and 40** to commit to the process and be willing to train other young leaders in their sphere of influence and ministry. We want you not only to be a leader, but a leader of leaders. Our leadership development program provides hands-on training and experience for season and emerging leaders.

From the book of Ezra...

*"For Ezra had set his heart to **study** the law of the LORD and to **practice** it, and to **teach** His statutes and ordinances in Israel. (Ezra 7:10).*

Study (Leadership training) - We do not merely casually read the Word of God. We study it. We delve into it. We search for its truths.

Practice (Internship, practical experience) - Knowledge is not the end of our study of the scriptures and leadership. We do not study so that we might know; we study so that we might LIVE differently. Jesus said that there is a difference between the man who hears the teachings of the Lord and ACTS upon them versus the man who hears but does not conform his life to those teachings (Matthew 7:24-27).

Teach (Be part of the leadership process – at your church, missions, etc) - It is only after one has mastered the first two aspects of **Study** and **Practice** of leadership that one can come to the third - **Teach**. To be an effective teacher of leadership principles, you must first have studied and then you must have practiced leadership. If the truths of the biblical leadership are not evident in your life, then you cannot teach them to others.

While many people are still waiting to be ministered to, others are coming to Christ each day around the world. The crying need of the hour is for healthy, effective, spiritual leaders to guide them. We invite you to take this journey with us. I am humbled and honored to partner with you in this journey. Thank you for taking the challenge of leading and equipping other leaders for the Church of Jesus Christ.

May God Richly Bless You,
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