

LEADER SELF-EVALUATION

Precept Ministries International®

We believe that the character of Christians in leadership should be above reproach and should be well-spoken of by the brethren.

Because your success in leading a Precept Bible Study depends upon your qualifications to lead as well as your training and preparation, please use the following paragraphs to evaluate your readiness to lead a Precept Upon Precept® Bible Study. Write your responses in the spaces below each question.

1. Please briefly describe below how and approximately when you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior and describe your spiritual growth since.

Evaluation — Am I saved? If not, I shouldn't lead any Bible study.

2. Scripture teaches that new converts should not assume a role of leadership. Have you given yourself time to mature in the faith? (1 Timothy 3:6)

Evaluation — If I'm a new believer, I should wait before I lead others.

3. God gives each believer spiritual gifts by which they are to serve Him. In light of the scriptural teaching from your own study and the Leader Manual, evaluate your spiritual gifts. Do you have at least one of the speaking gifts (teaching, pastor-teacher, exhortation, leadership, prophecy) necessary for this type of ministry? Which of these gifts do you have? Has God called you to exercise these gifts in this particular ministry of leading a Precept Upon Precept® discussion group? (1 Peter 4:11; Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

Evaluation — Do I have one of these gifts? If not, I shouldn't teach one of these Bible studies.

4. Please read the doctrinal statement in the Leadership Manual, especially the part about the Scriptures, Jesus, and God, and evaluate your beliefs. Can you embrace without hesitation or exception the doctrinal statement included in the Leadership Manual? If not, please explain.

Evaluation — The position of Precept Ministries International® as stated in our doctrinal statement could cause you to have difficulty using our material (e.g. the inerrancy of Scripture is a foundational tenet). Can I use these materials without compromise? If not, I shouldn't use these materials when I lead a Bible study.

Scripture clearly teaches that the life-style of Christian leaders is to be above reproach. Therefore, reverently before God, answer the following in the space provided:

5. God's Word clearly teaches that His priority for husbands, wives, and parents is the home. Therefore, Precept leadership should never be a threat or source of contention in the home. Is your spouse in complete agreement with your plans to assume a greater involvement in this Bible study as a leader? Would being a leader of a Precept Upon Precept® discussion group interfere with your responsibilities as a parent?

Evaluation — If my leading in Bible study would cause strife in my marriage or diminish my performance of parental responsibilities, I shouldn't lead a Bible study.

6. In view of the natural emotional turmoil that surrounds changes in our lives, please evaluate any crisis that has recently occurred that you may currently be dealing with; for example, many have experienced divorce, lost a loved one, financial devastation, etc.? If you have had such a crisis, are you now past the time of needing to be ministered to, and are you now ready to assume the responsibility of leading others in this Bible study? (Ecclesiastes 3:1; Jeremiah 29:11-14)

Evaluation — If I'm not past the time that I need ministering to and am not fully ready to lead others, I shouldn't lead.

7. Local church fellowship is an essential part of the life of a believer. Therefore, each leader should be in a local assembly of believers and under the spiritual authority of the pastor, elders, of that local body. Your active participation in a local fellowship also helps safeguard Precept Ministries International® from being viewed as a church or in competition with churches. Are you an active supporter of a local church? (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Evaluation — If I'm not regularly involved in a local church fellowship, then I shouldn't lead.

8. Please evaluate your involvement in community activities and employment so that you recognize what your commitments are and the amount of time involved. Are you too involved in other activities to have the necessary time to study, prepare to lead, and lead each week? Also, are you certain that the organizations and activities in which you are involved do not injure your Christian witness? (Philippians 3:8; Colossians 3:10)

Evaluation — My community activities do not injure the cause of Christ. If this isn't true, I shouldn't lead.

9. Studying Precept Upon Precept® requires a commitment of time. Precept Upon Precept® leadership requires a greater commitment of time. Are you willing to schedule the time needed to be properly prepared to lead your discussion group each week?

Evaluation — I have enough time to devote to preparation to lead. If not, I should wait until I can reduce my other commitments of time.

10. If you use the optional lecture along with your group discussion, to remain faithful to the fundamental principles of inductive study it should follow the discussion. Precept is considered most effective when both the discussion and lecture are used in consecutive sessions, each approximately an hour.
11. Your signature below is your agreement before God that you have evaluated your readiness to assume this leadership role and that you believe that your circumstances, your beliefs, and your relationship in the body of Christ are such that, with God's enabling, you can lead Precept Upon Precept® group discussions.

Signature _____

Confirmation from another member of the body in your evaluation is vital. Seek counsel from a spiritual leader in your local area (pastor, Sunday school teacher, Precept leader, etc.). Do they agree with you that you're ready?

Signature of spiritual leader _____

Position _____

This self-evaluation is between you and God; therefore, **do not** return this form to Precept Ministries International®.

We recommend that you file this evaluation and review it periodically. We all experience changes in our lives, and as circumstances change for you, review this evaluation. Allow God to show you if you should continue leading a Bible study or if you should take a break in order to give the proper time and attention to the new circumstance in your life.

