

## QUESTIONS FOR THE LEADERS SEMINAR

**1. Define any five difficulties that the Church in Ukraine would have to deal with for the next 5 years?**

- a. spiritual growth
- b. personal life and preaching of Christ
- c. financial support of the leaders
- d. not having buildings for the services
- e. pressure from the world
- f. problems of communication
- g. self – financing
- h. brothers get together and make a decision, based on the Scripture
- i. through fasting and prayer and then writing down the plan

**2. If there were leaders seminar coming up next week and you had been asked to present a speech. How would you call it? Why would you choose such a subject?**

- a. my personal life as a leader
- b. Christ as an example of a leader
- c. Gospel is simple (1 Cor 15: 1-4)
- d. "Bad companies corrupt good morals"
- e. "I am the vine and you are the branches, you cannot do anything without me"
- f. to serve as a burning sacrifice
- g. Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up.
- h. "A leader, who is he?" What does the Lord expect from the leaders and what do the leaders expect from the Lord.
- i. The degree of your dedication as the leader, what's your percentage in Christ?
- j. are we being too self- sufficiency
- k. problem of having evangelists (pastoral system?)
- l. having elders and deacons in the church
- m. boldness to preach the Gospel
- n. secular tendencies influencing the church

- o. Church getting stale and "official" (becoming a settled denomination instead of the body of Christ)
- p. getting Gnostic – like with the focus on the knowledge rather than serving
- q. decline of interest toward the Scripture
- r. growing pressure from the authorities toward the growth of other sects and false teachings (persecution from governmental agencies)
- s. church getting into politics
- t. criticism of the American churches of Christ (others coming in from the USA and criticizing churches back home, or, criticizing the "westernization" of the church)
- u. lack of care givers
- v. organizing of prayer meetings
- w. Secularization of the Church – getting more western – like, "relaxed", chewing gum in the mouth type of church.

**3. Have there been any plans developed by certain groups or people to overcome those difficulties?**

- a. Nothing (no one answered this question).

**4. How does the church form its perception about work that needs to be done and what are the goals for its implementation?**

- a. Prayer
- b. Commitment of the Church to fulfill the purpose of Christ

**5. How would you define a spiritually mature leader?**

- a. Care taker (those who will take service to others)
- b. the person not dominating over others
- c. the one who has learned how to step over his own ego and put Christ first place
- d. not a legalist
- e. a person who is getting to know Christ more and more and is becoming more and more like Him.
- f. Be ready to be stoned, hanged, crucified for the name of Christ
- g. fear toward God should be the only fear that drives a person

**6. What kind of leadership traits do the church leaders need?**

- a. Honesty, justice, Mercy, forbearance, kindness
- b. being the server, humility, love, worker
- c. living by the commandments of Christ

- d. God fearing
- e. to be able to “infect” others – motivate them
- f. strive to help others
- g. willing to do what is pleasing to God
- h. Commitment to the Lord, love toward Him, attachment toward Him and ability to be just a vessel through which the Lord can show himself.

**7. How can you train and prepare leaders that you have described?**

- a. Only thru practice
- b. If the Lord does not set up the upbringing and won't prepare such people, then all the human efforts would look ugly. To mechanically prepare people is the same as building the tower of Babel. (The training has to be guided by God rather than implementing the principles of human, secular leadership.)
- c. Constant desire to serve God is required from a Christian.
- d. To serve Christ who would direct and choose the necessary people.
- e. Sort out the people that are truly dedicated, then spend time fasting and praying to God so that you potential leaders won't put their own ego and ambitions in front of God's will.