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I am interested in focusing my writing in this course on Contemporary Issues in Leadership, the development of a theology of leadership. Towards a theology of leadership, which is the focus of my dissertation proposal, is concerned with the development of a biblical model and a theological framework for leadership while considering leadership types that intersect with biblical dynamics such as servant leadership, ethical leadership, and transformational leadership. While the contemporary conceptualization of leadership is a recent idea, leadership itself is theological in that it aims to lead people in a fallen world toward certain purposes and areas of growth. Below are several scholarly resources that are written on the subject of leadership coaching by authorities in the field:

1. Howell, Don N. *Servants of the Servant: A Biblical Theology of Leadership*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2003.

This valuable resource provides us with a look at the biblical profiles of eleven Old Testament leaders and five New Testament leaders from Joseph to Paul and emerging from these profiles is a pattern of servanthood that is very distinct from the servant leader models that are popular in leadership books, research monographs and journal articles.

2. Bell, Skip. *Servants and Friends: A Biblical Theology of Leadership*. Berrien Springs, MI: Andrews University Press, 2014

Is a comprehensive look into a biblical-based theology of the concept of leadership by twenty scholars and ministry leaders who collaborated to produce this well written work that combs finely through every section of Scripture in chronological order to reveal everything that the Bible has to say about leadership. Sections include: leadership in the Old Testament (Leadership Language in the OT, The Creation Narrative, The Pentateuch,

The Historical Books, Wisdom and Literature, and The Prophets), six on leadership in the New Testament (Leadership Language in the NT, The Gospels, The Acts of the Apostles, The Pauline Epistles, The General Epistles, and Revelation

3. Boers, Arthur. *Servants and Fools: A Biblical Theology of Leadership*. Nashville, TN:

Abingdon Press, 2015. This book Boers deconstructs many of the false ideas about leadership such as hierarchies and power structures and builds in its place, a biblical model based on an thorough examination of Jesus' pattern of leadership, which is rooted in service to and sacrifice for others.

4. Forrest, Benjamin K. & Roden, Chet. *Biblical Leadership: Theology for the Everyday*

Leader. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 2017.

With a contributor line-up of Old Testament and New Testament scholars, *Biblical*

Leadership is an expansive exploration of Scripture to reveal the biblical foundations of leadership from Genesis to Revelation. This book strikes a great balance between helping readers understand the theology of biblical leadership and providing practical wisdom for biblical leaders in the context of contemporary culture.

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