

Q & A



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Living as Humble, Loved Leaders Our Whole Lives

What motivated you to write this book?

Jason Jensen: God has always called me first to grow as a disciple, and then to follow his calling in leadership. I have found these two movements to be integral to one another—disciple, as leader, as disciple. I feel that many of our current crises in Christian leadership are a result of a rift between spiritual formation (discipleship) and leadership (following our calling).

What is unique about your approach to leadership?

Jason: The early chapters of Luke give a surprising and deep vision of Christian leadership. In this vision, the Holy Spirit forms us as disciples and calls us forward uniquely as leaders of humility, character, integrity, and discernment. The Spirit invites us into distinct processes of formation, shown by Luke in Jesus' baptism, his genealogy, his testing in the wilderness, and his entry into Nazareth.

What would you like readers to take from *Formed to Lead*?

Jason:

1. Every follower of Jesus is called to both growth as a disciple and influence as a leader. This leadership looks different than the world.
2. My identity in the affection and pleasure of God is the most important aspect of my life.
3. The Holy Spirit invites leaders again and again into healing and character formation as well as leadership.
4. Discernment of God's will is organic but also possible.
5. We are invited to humbly grow as disciples and leaders for our whole lives.

"Jason Jensen understands—and exemplifies—the truth that our leadership can never outpace our formation. Through a masterful blend of Scripture, timeless wisdom from church history, personal authenticity, and practical, adaptable practices, Formed to Lead offers fresh hope and new imagination to leaders hungry for all God has for them—and those they serve."

—Kara Powell, chief of leadership formation at Fuller Seminary and coauthor of *Future-Focused Church*

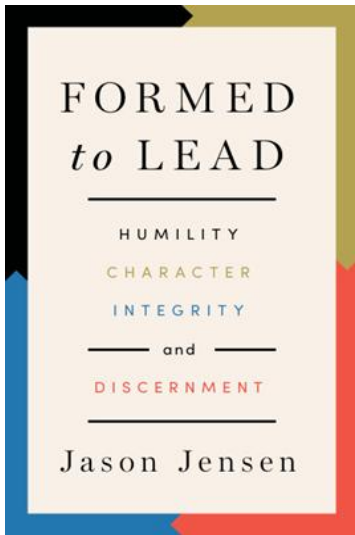


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Vice President Shares Thirty Years of Leadership Lessons

In *Formed to Lead*, Jason Jensen, a seasoned leader in spiritual foundations, takes you through an inspiring narrative that bridges divine guidance and practical leadership.

Jensen examines Jesus' leadership in Luke 3–4 to uncover the nature of Christian leadership. Each chapter offers insights into the temptations of leadership, learning humility through discipleship, and encountering God in vulnerability. With group Bible studies and discussion questions, *Formed to Lead* covers questions like:

- Why do leaders need a faith-driven approach to leadership?
- How do leaders learn from weakness and failure?
- What does it look like to lead with integrity and resilience?
- Why is spiritual formation the key to enduring faithfulness in leadership?
- How does humility bring effective leadership?
- Is there hope for Christian leaders?
- How can our “wilderness moments” lead us to fuller identities in Christ?
- How can looking to Jesus transform leadership?
- What can leaders do to hold on to formation?
- How do we seek discernment and direction as leaders from the Holy Spirit?
- Why is rest important in giving our leadership burdens to God?
- How can leaders continue to fight spiritual and moral holiness?
- How do leaders find humble confidence?



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