



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 11: Leaders Needed

Suggested Week of Use: November 13, 2022

Core Passage: Micah 3:1-12

News Story Summary

In September, the world mourned the death of Queen Elizabeth II at age 96. She was the United Kingdom's oldest and longest-reigning head of state. After her death, leaders from around the world praised the Queen for her leadership across the 70 years she reigned. The list included the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, and Pope Francis. More than 2,000 people attended her funeral, including multiple heads of state. More than 250,000 people saw her lying in state in Westminster Hall in London. Despite cold temperatures at night, some waited as long as 24 hours to view the Queen. At its height, the line of visitors coming to pay their respects stretched nearly five miles.

For more about this story, search “Leaders mourn Queen Elizabeth.”

Focus Attention

To replace the opening activity under Focus Attention, place adults into several teams and give each team a sheet of paper and a pencil. Direct the teams to make a list of everything they can remember about Queen Elizabeth II, including her death and funeral. After several minutes, allow volunteers from each team to share their results. After the teams have shared, read the news summary or use a news online video clip to supplement the information. Ask: *Where were you when you heard about the death of Queen Elizabeth II? What kinds of responses and reflections did you notice in the news or on social media after her death? Why do you think people around the world had strong reactions to her death?* Point out that many believe Queen Elizabeth was a strong leader during her reign. Say: *Not all leaders are considered strong or good, and God's Word has something to say about godly leaders.* Explain that this session will examine what leadership looks like from God's perspective.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the closing activity under Summarize and Challenge, review the story of Queen Elizabeth II. Ask: *What leadership qualities did you see in the Queen that you might want to implement in your own life? Why are those important to you?* Direct the class members to think about their own leadership qualities. Ask: *Based on what we've read and talked about today, what are some ways you could be a better leader or example to others?* Challenge adults to model godly leadership in the coming days. Close in prayer.