Opening Prayer
Gracious God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
   We are here to serve you,
      opening our hearts and minds to your sacred voice.
   Help us to have the meekness of mind
      to seek your thoughts over our own thoughts;
      to have the humility of heart to yearn for one will—Your will;
      to have the Serenity of the Spirit
      to let your peace be our peace,
      no matter what transpires.
   Help us to be your servants seeking wisdom, and acting in faith.
Hear us as we pray the prayer Christ taught us:
   Our Father, who art in heaven…

Henry and Richard Blackaby, Spiritual Leadership
   Spiritual Leadership is moving people onto God’s agenda.  This is a brief definition, perhaps not as technically precise as some, but we believe it describes what is at the heart of being a spiritual leader.  At least five truths are inherent in this definition.

   • The spiritual leader’s task is to move people from where they are to where God wants them to be.
   • Spiritual leaders depend upon the Holy Spirit.
   • Spiritual leaders are accountable to God.
   • Spiritual leaders can influence all people, not just God’s people.
   • Spiritual leaders work from God’s agenda.

Reflection Questions
   • What strikes you most in this passage?
   • What does this say about the nature of church leadership?