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Leadership Practicum

LDR 5333

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Assignment: Reader Response #5 – Next Generation Leader (pp. 1-50)

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READER RESPONSE

Name of Book: Next Generation Leader: Five Essentials for Those Who Will Shape the Future.

Author: Andy Stanley

Pages read: 1-50

List 3 main points from your reading:

1. Stanley's motivation for writing the book is handing off the knowledge he has learned to the next generation of leaders (2003, p. 11).
2. The five essentials for next-generation leaders are competence, courage, clarity, coaching, and character (Stanley, 2003, pp. 11-12).
3. Narrowing down your focus on your work will help you become a better leader in the long run. Applying the 80/20 rule allows leaders to determine what they need to work on that will result in the most return on their time investment (Stanley, pp. 34-35).

Were these new concepts to you?

The concept of clarity over certainty was a new concept for me. Although he dives deeper into the idea in the book's second half, he lays a foundation for the importance of having clarity amid uncertainty. We often let uncertainty leave us paralyzed, but next-generation leaders need to learn to be clear even when they do not have all the facts (Stanley, 2003, p. 12).

What was the real "aha" moment for you in this reading?

My aha moment in this reading was when the author talked about the fact that although he is a pastor, he places a much bigger emphasis on his communication skills because that greatly impacts his organization as a whole (Stanley, 2003, p. 36). He is a mega church pastor and has a different style of leading the people that call his church home. I am sure Northpoint Church has people dedicated to fulfilling pastoral responsibilities like hospital visits and care

during tough circumstances. Because of the organization's size, the main pastor cannot get to every hospital visit. Still, he does make it a priority for the organization to have someone to cover those responsibilities and for someone to have the pulse of the congregation's needs.

Reference List

Stanley, A. (2003). *Next Generation Leader: Five Essentials for Those Who Will Shape the Future*. Multnomah.