

Leading Myself Study Questions

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. What might be some of the reason that people in our culture desire to be the boss or the person in charge?
3. Jesus uses a parable in Luke 6:39-40 to point out the leadership failures of the Pharisees. How should these three insights Pastor shared from this passage challenge us to be leaders?
4. Jesus reminds us that poor leadership puts us in the ditch. Can you think of any examples that contrast how good leadership makes a difference?
5. Read 1 Timothy 1:3-4. It is very easy to get sidetracked on issues or things that do not have eternal value. Why would it be important for a leader to keep the right focus?
6. Many Christians today see to be hesitant in making spiritual and life goals. What might be some reasons for this hesitation? It is hard to accomplish anything in life without goals. What are some of the consequences of not having goals? (Note: 1 Timothy 1:5)
7. It can be very easy to use leadership for our own benefit. It can be to build our pride, for financial gain or other selfish reasons. How does the right motivation, love for others, help us to become a great leader?
8. Pastor pointed out the importance of investing in our spiritual development daily. How does that help you to be a greater leader?
9. We all deal with tension and conflicts and others. What are some benefits to dealing with these issues Biblically and as quickly as possible?
10. There are people we trust and those that we don't. Why would it be easier to follow a person that is not hypocritical in their leadership style?

Digging Deeper

11. What one leadership area will you start working on this week?

Leading Myself **Series: What It Takes to Be a Leader** *Sunday May 1, 2016*

Why is Personal Leadership and all Leadership so Important?

"[Jesus] also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher." Luke 6:39-40 ESV

- 1. We seek out people like us.**
- 2. We become like those we follow.**
- 3. We do not go beyond our teacher.**

Poor Leadership puts me in the ditch!

How do I become a great leader?

"As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith." 1 Timothy 1:3-4 ESV

Before I can Lead others I must lead myself!

Five Truths for Leading Myself

1. Focus on the Right Goals

“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” 1 Timothy 1:5 ESV

My Goal: I must help myself and others become like Jesus.

2. Lead with the Right Motive

“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” 1 Timothy 1:5 ESV

My Motives are driven by acting like Jesus would act.

How do I develop the right goals and motives?

3. Daily Maintain My Relationship with Jesus

“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” 1 Timothy 1:5 ESV

A Pure Heart means I am Pursuing a Relationship with God right now.

“So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.” 2 Timothy 2:22 ESV

4. Be a Person Who is Right with God and Others.

“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” 1 Timothy 1:5 ESV

A Good Conscience means that I have no unresolved issues with God or others. .

“Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.” Ephesians 4:25 ESV

5. Be Someone that Others Can Count On.

“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” 1 Timothy 1:5 ESV

Sincere Faith means that my Godly words are supported by my Godly actions.

“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them.” Romans 12:9 NLT