

MENS LIFE BLOOMINGTON

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Leadership 2.0 | Mark 10:35

Overview: Last week, John Rabold did a terrific job identifying some of the unique leadership lessons that Jesus showed us throughout his journey. Because leadership is so important in our personal, professional, and spiritual lives, we will unpack a few additional leadership characteristics, so within every day, in our every interaction, we can be encouraged, if not inspired, to model Jesus with any that God surrounds us with.

Segment Questions: (References are on back)

Since Jesus was the greatest leader of all time, all of his management skills and leadership should be emulated. Since Jesus was the greatest leader of all time, all of his management skills and leadership should be emulated.

I have selected three (among many) things that Christian leaders should embrace, that Jesus gave us examples of.

Leaders Call Followers

[Read Mark 1:17](#)

“Follow Me” Jesus told them “And I will make you fish for people”.

- Can you think of an organization that you’ve been involved with that you were intentional about reaching out and recruiting someone to “follow you”?

Leaders Know the Value of a Quiet Time

[Read Mark 1:35](#)

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He got up, went out, and made His way to a deserted place. And He was praying there”.

- In our very busy, information-overloaded world, it’s often hard to find any margin for us to be “quiet and still”. Do you have a consistent time and place that you shut out the world and just focus on you and God? If so, where, and how does it change you?
- If not, could you identify a time and place that you can consistently build into your schedule?
- If you were to do so, what advantage might come from it?

Great Leaders Learn to ... (Via Neal Daunhauer)

A) Power Down

[Luke 14:8](#) – “Don’t seek the high seat at the table”.

Mark Moore – “Any of us who dare to call ourselves leaders had better be proficient with a basin and towel”.

- Can you remember a time(s) when you were the “most important person in the room” and share any ways of “powering down” to better connect with others in the room?
- How do you give power to others?

B) Provide Safety

[Matthew 20:18](#) – “The first will be the last, the last will be the first”.

- How do you make people feel?

C) Practice Empathy

[2 Corinthians 12:9](#) - “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

- Can you think of a recent situation that someone came to you to share life heartaches that the “me too” approach could have been effective?
- How do you share others’ burdens?

Action Questions

- Of the three aforementioned Leadership examples, which speaks loudest to you? Any or all?
- Which of the three would you be willing to further embrace (and ask someone inside or outside the group to hold you accountable for?)

Closing Personal Prayer:

Heavenly Father, I marvel again and again that you loved us so much that you not only died on the cross for us, but you lived a life full of leadership lessons for us to follow. Amen.

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Introduction

Late in the evening on Monday, April 25th, right before going to bed, I decided to take a peek at our Men's Life lesson for Tuesday, April 26th and, to my surprise, I saw that my dear young friend, John Rabold, who was the session leader, had picked the all-important topic of leadership.

The "surprise" was that, on a recent flight to Florida, I decided, for once in my ML Core Group life, to get "ahead" of the lesson and had chosen LEADERSHIP without communicating to Paul ... the ultimate "if you snooze, you lose". After trashing John in my mind (in a Christian, loving way, of course), I had to reset, congratulate John, and then, of course, figure out what my lesson pivot was going to be.

So, I was ready to go in a different direction, but then our agency had a spring retreat that featured my good friend, Neal Daunhauer who spoke to our agents and staff on servant leadership, and when you are "the most important person in the room", which gave me another holy spirit-filled nudge to stick with a lesson and addition insights on the leadership lesson of Jesus ... thus LEADERSHIP 2.0.

I will pull a few powerful points from his message and excerpts from The Leadership Lessons of Jesus (Bob Briner and Ray Pritchard). These are additional powerful examples to encourage and challenge us to "LEAD LIKE JESUS". If and when we do, we are more impactful in every aspect of our lives (personally and professionally).

What an opportunity we have! Let's do it!

Mark 1:17 | Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass."

Mark 1:35 | While it was still night, way before dawn, he got up and went out to a secluded spot and prayed.

Matthew 20:18 | We are on our way up to Jerusalem. When we get there, the Son of Man will be betrayed to the religious leaders and scholars. They will sentence him to death.

Luke 14:8 | "When someone invites you to dinner, don't take the place of honor. Somebody more important than you might have been invited by the host.

2 Corinthians 12:9 | My grace is enough; it's all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness.