



A CHURCH THAT WINS

Courageous Leadership

MAIN THING

People don't follow titles. They follow courage.

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 29:18, Mark 12:30-31, James 3:1, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Philippians 3:13-14, John 2:17, John 15:18-20, Ephesians 3:20-21, 1 Peter 3:15

ICEBREAKER

Have you ever worked for an amazing boss? How about an awful one? Without going too far, what were your experiences like? What did you like/dislike about your situation?

OPENING THOUGHT

A courageous leader makes the hard decisions. A courageous leader goes where others won't go, calling the rest of the Church to go there too. A courageous leader leads knowing he or she is a child of the King, with the confidence that, "All things work together for the good of those who love God and obey" (Romans 8:28). A courageous leader inspires others to courage. This is badly needed in the church today. We can lead with kindness, we can be servant leaders, we can be responsible and dutiful leaders, but we MUST lead with courage. People in the church must see its pastors, elders, and leaders as courageous if we are to be what we are supposed to be as a church.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Dave said, this past week, that courageous leaders are passionate about the truth. What does Psalm 15:2-5 say about this? Why is truth so important in leadership? Can we trust someone we have trouble believing? How does truth transform an organization?
3. There were four outward qualities of a courageous leader mentioned on Sunday. What were they? Go through each one, and discuss what makes them so important to a courageous leader. Which of those are you succeeding at? Struggling with? Which of these are you attracted to in a leader?

LIFE APPLICATION

One of the things that Dave talked about this week were the inward qualities of the courageous leader. The second one he mentioned was about being an example. Does this describe you? Are you an example of Christ in your workplace, your school, your home, or with your friends? When people see you, do they see Christ? Are you willing to take on that responsibility? Remember, when we become Christians, we are "clothed" in Christ; wearing him, not only, on the inside, but also the outside.

CHALLENGE

As a group, you could probably point out who the leaders are in your group within minutes of the first time you arrived. Why was that? Maybe you saw someone in your group who is a leader, but they don't realize it. Encourage others in your group who have leadership potential. Maybe that person is you! Maybe you could take turns leading these discussions. Leadership takes on many shapes. Don't make one person in your group be the only leader. Work as a team and develop leadership together.