

Session Training #2 — Christlike in Character

Sunday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m.

- **Open In Prayer**

- **Review**

- What we are talking about in this training and in the Wednesday study is the 5 C's of Christian Leadership in the local church. And it is our contention that THE VERY BEST LEADERS IN THE CHURCH ARE...
 - ◆ those who are Connected to Jesus (Session #1 — 2/28)
 - ◆ and are Christlike in Character (Session #2 — TODAY),
 - ◆ Caring Towards All (Session #3 — 3/14),
 - ◆ Committed to the Work (Session #4 — 3/21),
 - ◆ and finally, those who are Centered on the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Session #5 — 3/28)
- Why do such a training? Because leadership matters a lot. Jesus gave the church leaders so that they might help the church accomplish its God given mission in the world to introduce people to Jesus and help them grow in their love for Jesus for the rest of their lives.
- Some opportunities to lead include In/Out Reach Team Leaders and Adult Small Group Ministry Director.
- Last week we talked about the most important Biblical principle when it comes to Christian leadership in the local church and it is this — Leaders MUST be Connected to Christ! He is the vine and we are the branches. If we hope to produce good fruit through our leadership, it will only happen as we remain connected to Jesus through our spiritual disciplines.
- **Spending time with Jesus will result in us becoming like Christ in our character. And this is the second "C" of Christian Leadership — becoming Christlike in Character.**

- **THE CHARACTER OF JESUS**

- *With that in mind, how would you describe the character of Jesus using only one word answers?*

- **BIBLE DISCUSSION**

- Read the story of **Mark 10:35-45** and discuss:
 - ◆ *What does this story tell us about God?*
 - ◆ *What does this story tell us about humanity?*
 - ◆ *How does this apply to leadership?*
 - ◆ *What is your takeaway for your own leadership?*

- **CHRISTLIKE HUMILITY**

- ***"Humility is not a character trait to develop, it's the natural by-product of being with Jesus." — Louie Giglio***

- ◆ DISCUSSION:
 - ◆ Agree or disagree? Is there anyway to develop character?
 - ◆ *The fruit of being Connected to Jesus is the development of Christlike Character and the earmark of being like Jesus is HUMILITY. Jesus, God though he was, was willing to humble himself as a servant. When we spend time with Jesus, we will become humble.*
- **“Leadership is often very humbling, and leadership is most dangerous when it ceases to be.”—Eric Geiger**
 - ◆ DISCUSSION:
 - ◆ Why is leadership humbling?
 - ◆ Why is humility so important in the life of a leader?
 - ◆ Why is pride so dangerous in the life of a leader?
 - ◆ *Because when we fully realize the task we’ve been given, to lead people on to God’s agenda, we realize that we don’t have what it takes. When we start to think we do, when pride creeps in, we are in trouble. There is no Christian Leadership without the Spirit of Christ at work in and through us, but we kick the Spirit out when we become proud. A humble Spirit acknowledges that the work cannot be done without God and anything that does get done, that is of spiritual significance, must be credited to Him.*
 - **Humility Defined: “Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.” — C.S.Lewis**
 - ◆ DISCUSSION:
 - ◆ What are the marks of humility? Pride?
- **Memory Verse**
 - ***Philippians 2:3-5, “3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus”***
- **Closing Prayer**
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