

Session Two – The Qualities of a No Regrets Leader

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1. Person of Character

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

- Character is not so much about what you do, but who you are.
- Character is who you are when _____ is _____.
- The life that you live _____ the way for the words that you speak.
- What are the character qualities you are building into your life?

2. Servant Spirit

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:42-45

- The men in your group are not there to serve _____, but you are there to _____ them.
- The great paradox of leadership: You want to be great, you need to _____. You want to be first, you need to be _____. The way to up is _____.

Descend into greatness.

- The 7 Spiritual Demotions of Jesus - Read *Philippians 2:5-11* below:

⁵ *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

⁶ *Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;*

⁷ *rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.*

⁸ *And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!*

⁹ *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,*

¹⁰ *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

¹¹ *and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

Based on the example of Jesus Christ in this passage, what does servanthood look like?

- What does servanthood look like for US?
 - List a few of the real-life examples Steve gives in the video:

 - Look for opportunities to serve others, love others, and encourage others.
 - Develop an environment of _____ and _____.

3. Strong Private Life

- A strong personal connection to Jesus. **Read John 15:1-17.**
 - What does Jesus say is the relationship between relationship *with* God and impacting *for* God?

- Jesus lived out this out, *especially* when his schedule got busy and stress levels were high!

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Mark 1:35

- Our _____ for Jesus is directly related to our _____ with Jesus. What we do in _____ will influence what we do in _____.

- We need to cultivate the Inner Life
 - Through Prayer
 - Through Time in the Word
- Oftentimes, the way we are doing the work of the Lord is ruining the work of God in our lives.
 - How have you seen this happen in your experience?

4. Committed to Multiplication

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 Timothy 2:2

- We want to launch a _____ of _____.
- Effective leaders look beyond this group and toward what God will do through those men!
- The Magic of Compounding – exponential growth over time
 - What investments can you make RIGHT NOW that will pay spiritual dividends?

5. They Know Where They Are Going

- The most effective leaders are those that are living with a sense of mission.

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

Acts 20:24

- This mission kept the Apostle Paul going – it woke him up in the morning and kept him up at night. Jesus too was a man on a mission – he knew exactly why He came, what He was to do and where He was going. (John 13:3)
- Steve talks about defining your mission, exploring why God created you and identifying the gifts and passions He has placed within you. Do you know WHY you are here?
 - What are your greatest strengths?
 - What are your greatest weaknesses?

Leadership Principle – The leader understands the power of a focused life.

Leadership Principle – You will be more defined by what you say ____ to than by what you say _____ to.

6. Perseverance

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Leadership Principle – It is not how you _____, but how you _____ that is important.

- How is running an effective illustration of the Christian life?

- Arrange your life in such a way to live for the long haul:
 - Take breaks when necessary
 - Get rid of the things in your life that will slow you down
 - Get counsel when needed
 - Take care of yourself – physically, emotionally, relationally

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