Jesus Our Example for Leading

Assignment: As soon as a vision is laid out and goals are made the leadership role from visionary switches to implementation. Jesus cast a vision and then became a servant to the vision. John 13:12-15

Topic:

Implementing your vision as a leader. John 13:12-15 Jesus shows them what he is talking about. That is what I want to talk about.

My emphasis here:

Creating and implementing a plan based on gifts. 1 Pet 4:10-11. Serving others. Give them examples of how they can implement the vision.

Helping people to find purpose in their life

1. Jesus’s purpose for all and

2. An individual purpose for each Christian.

Joke: Purpose, goal, vision, dream, mission I am not the leadership guru who can keep all of these straight. So…. Please put up with me.

From Lead Like Jesus:

The fruit of great servant leadership is realized when a leader seeks to send the next generation of leaders to meet the challenges of their season with all the wisdom, knowledge and spiritual resources he or she can provide.

That is what we are talking about.

But more personally for my talk:

Theologian Howard Thurman says, “Don’t ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.

My lesson has two points:

I. Jesus gives his “guys” a sense of the mission.

II. Jesus exemplifies and expects resolution to accomplish the mission.

I. Jesus gives his guys a sense of mission.

Luke 9:1-6 Jesus sends off the twelve. “Take nothing for the journey.”

Luke 9:23-27 Whoever wants to be my disciple. Expect people to be committed to Jesus. We minister to the needy but we never water down the commitment.

Luke 9:57-62 Jesus expects total commitment.

Luke 10:1-4 Jesus sends them out. 10:17-24 Jesus follows up.

Luke 11:1-4, 9-10 Jesus teaches them to pray. Pray about your mission. Your kingdom come, your will be done (Matthew) Ask and it will be given you.

Luke 19:10 The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

Acts 1:7-8 You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

Now THAT is something I can give my life to.

II. Jesus set about his mission resolutely.

Here I am going to start sharing a bit more personally. About 20 years ago I decided to go all out pursuing a personal vision to have a teaching ministry.

Luke 9:51 Jesus sets out resolutely for Jerusalem. Can you picture Jesus’ face here?

Luke 10:38-42 Martha was distracted. I have had to be focused and avoid the distractions of the world to implement my own vision and to lead others.

Luke 12:1-11 Be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees. We cannot afford to get caught up into sin. But having a vision and setting out on a mission will help us to avoid sin.

Luke 12:22-34 Do not worry. We cannot focus on the things the world focuses in on. Our treasures are in heaven, but they involve our vision.

Luke 12:35-40 Be prepared. Do your homeowork. Know your stuff. Make yourself available.

Luke 13:31-33 Go tell that fox…. For surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem. Talk about resolute!!! The laser had not yet been invented, but Jesus had a laser focus on both his goals and his mission.

Luke 14:25-35 Counting the cost of discipleship

[Luke 18:31 We are going to Jerusalem.

Luke 19:28 going up to Jerusalem.]

Personal sharing:

I have not generally been an important positional leader.

Summer intern 33 and 32 Years ago.

Full time intern 30-31 years ago.

Mainly a BT leader 38 years

With Singles, I am not the inspirational point the way break down the doors guy. Evangelist is not in my skill set

I lead primarily from behind.

By being a steady force, a source of wisdom and as a teacher of the Bible.

I am also a leader by seting an example for dozens who hope to be teachers.

I mentor about a dozen who are now doing the work of teachers.

My form of leading, then, has primarily been through serving—through being willing to do anything, to go anywhere, to take significant risks even, to being willing to be sick, exhausted, spend a lot of my own money, forego “toys” My vacation is to work. and many of the trappings of what the world thinks is great in order to teach the gospel in 70+ countries, and through the influence of my example, to encourage hundreds who do not know me all that well.

Example: I went to a teacher’s conference and saw that there were no teacher’s from Africa. I asked Doug: Well, we have Joey Harris. So, what did I do? I went to Africa, found two guys, and have been mentoring them. Next week, I am going to Lagos and Doula and will be teaching with Gilbert Kimeng.

Michael Burns. I told him 12 years ago that he had a gift and he needed to be a teacher. Now he travels all over Africa, has written several books and is the leading teacher in his part of the country.

Rolan Monje, Raghu Katragadda, Arturo Elizarraras, Cory Wadstrom I let him know what I am trying to do, I help to train him, and I create for him opportunities to teach., Fabio Castellanos.

I have studied with and baptized 100+

I have inspired a good number to become teachers.

This is a life of impact. It is Jesus’ leadership.

Catch the vision.

Implement it resolutely.