

EP33 Kingdom Leadership: Kingdom Leaders know that God is with them

FOR THE GROUP LEADER

These notes have been designed to disciple leaders in round the table small group discussions.

What is in *ITALICS* is meant to be read out loud.

Welcome to this week's Mustard Seed Leadership discussion. The current series is "KINGDOM LEADERSHIP"

STEP #1: ACCOUNTABILITY

Let's get started. The topic of discussion today is "Kingdom Leaders know that God is with them" But before we start on the new topic, we will usually hold each other accountable about last week's action step. Since this is the first in the series, let's go straight to the notes.

STEP #2: READ THE NOTES

Option 1: Let each person in the group take turns reading a section (Each section is marked with a). READER # Go clockwise starting with the Group Leader, and highlight or underline what catches your attention.

Option 2: The leader reads all the sections.

Option 3: Watch the video.

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READER 1

Lesson 3: Kingdom Leaders know that God is with them

"Courage is a command"

Quote: "Leadership is the art of disguising terror"

Fear is the number one enemy for most leaders! Fear is the opposite of faith. To do what God has called us to do will require us to break through the fear barrier.

Joshua 1:1-9 (NLT)

1 After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. 3 I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you—4 from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.' 5 No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.

READER 2

6 "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. 8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. 9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Quote: "If God's calling doesn't terrify you, then it is probably not God's calling"

Every leader will be tested in this area of fear. So how do we prepare?

READER 3

THE KEY REVELATION THAT EVERY LEADER NEEDS

1. Joshua

Joshua 1:9 (NLT)

9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

The fear of **PERSONAL WEAKNESS** is destroyed with the revelation that God is with us.

2. Gideon

Judges 6:15-16 (NLT)

15 "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!" 16 The LORD said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man." The fear of FAILURE is destroyed with the revelation that God is with us.

READER 4

3. David

Psalms 23:4 (NLT)

4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

The fear of the UNKNOWN is destroyed with the revelation that God is with us.

4. Paul

2 Timothy 4:16-18 (NLT)

16 The first time I was brought before the judge, no one came with me. Everyone abandoned me. May it not be counted against them. 17 But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength so that I might preach the Good News in its entirety for all the Gentiles to hear. And he rescued me from certain death. 18 Yes, and the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into his heavenly Kingdom. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.

The fear of **DEATH** is destroyed by the revelation that God is with us.

READER 5

5. Followers of Christ

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

The fear of the **OPPOSITION** is overcome with the revelation that God is with us.

BIG IDEA: JESUS IS IMMANUEL

Matthew 1:23 (NLT)

"Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us."

The Good News of the Gospel is that Jesus has come personally to deliver us. And has given us His Holy Spirit to live in us!

John 14:18 (NLT)

"No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you."

READER 6

Fear will be a temptation that we face daily.
The response of a Kingdom Leader is:
1. To recognize the source of fear is the enemy
2. To refuse to bow down to that spirit
3. To meditate on the revelation of 'God with us' until it has become a revelation truth.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

Challenge: What do you fear most? Are you bowing down to it or overcoming it?

STEP #3: SHARE YOUR HIGHLIGHT

Now let's go around the group and take turns sharing what stood out to you the most from what we read. **What stood out to you and why?**

STEP #4: EVALUATION

I am going to ask each of you in turn to evaluate yourself (From a 5 which is **EXCELLENT**, down to a 1 meaning **LOTS OF WORK NEEDED!**) on how well you are doing in the area of this topic and then share this with the group and why you chose this score. Lastly, let's go around the group and answer this question: What action step can you take to grow in the area of this topic by next week? Ask each member to share a practical action step and date of action. Make sure the Group Leader and the individual write them down for next week's accountability step.

CLOSING

A great way to close off is to pair up briefly for a moment of prayer. Pray for each other that you will succeed in your action steps. Thank everyone for coming and committing to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

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