

MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP

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EP51

The Leadership Difference: Different Heart

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 "The Leadership Difference"

STEP #1: ACCOUNTABILITY

Let's get started. The topic of discussion today is "Different Heart" 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.

<https://youtu.be/RQUrBQNSMWc>

READER 1

THE LEADERSHIP DIFFERENCE

When Jesus spoke to his disciples about leadership he said:

*“But among you it will be different” **Matthew 20:26 (NLT)***

*When Jesus touches our lives it **MUST** make a difference otherwise it wasn't really Jesus who touched us!*

Examples:

Dead man Lazarus - Jesus commanded him to come back to life and he did

- That heart hadn't beaten for four days
- God breathed life into a dead heart and it came alive

When Jesus touched a life - physically or with a word, that person was different

- so surely if Jesus has touched our leadership **IT MUST BE DIFFERENT!**
- If our leadership is **NOT DIFFERENT** to the world then it is because we have not let Jesus touch that part of our leadership.

5 WAYS THAT BARNABAS WAS A DIFFERENT LEADER:

1. Different EYES
2. Different TONGUE
3. Different HEART

Acts 11:23-24 (NIV)

23 When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. 24 He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

The hearts of too many leaders: Heart of pride, entitlement, hypocrites

Barnabas' heart? 'a good man full of the Holy Spirit and faith'

Luke 18:19 (NIV) “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.”

So when the same Bible calls Barnabas ‘good’ it can only be referring to the goodness of God within him.

Colossians 1:27 (NIV)

27 To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

READER 3

This is the Leadership Difference!!

Zechariah 4:6 (NIV)

6 So he said to me, “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty.

This is the source of good values and character - the fruit of a life submitted to Christ in us, the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.”*

This is the Leadership Difference - not primarily leadership skills, hacks and ability but a life fully surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus!

READER 4

CHALLENGE: HOW DO WE HAVE A DIFFERENT HEART?

1. A different heart comes from FULLNESS of the Holy Spirit

Acts 6:3 (NIV)

3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them

- Fullness of the Holy Spirit is the result of full surrender to Jesus

- ***Either you are full of the Holy Spirit or full of yourself!***
- ***Convinced that we are as full of the Spirit as we want to be!***

Ephesians 5:18 (NIV)

18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit

Where does the responsibility lie? WITH US!

READER 5

2. A different heart comes from FULLNESS of faith

*Someone once said that **FAITH** is spelt “**RISK**”*

Faith is obedience to what God says - not what we feel or see.

This comes from a leader with a different heart:

- *A heart that listens to God.*

Example: One of the amazing characteristics of David's life was the way he inquired and listened to the Lord. This is faith!

1 Samuel 23:4 (NIV)

“Once again David inquired of the LORD, and the LORD answered him ...”

READER 6

1 Samuel 30:8 (NIV)

“... and David inquired of the LORD, “Shall I pursue this raiding party? ...”

2 Samuel 2:1 (NIV)

“In the course of time, David inquired of the LORD. “Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?” he asked. The LORD said, “Go up.” David asked, “Where shall I go?” “To Hebron,” the LORD answered.”

This is a different heart - one that constantly wants to enquire of the Lord and act in faith.

A DIFFERENT HEART IS ONE THAT HAS BEEN TOUCHED BY JESUS - FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FULL OF FAITH

Have you truly asked Jesus to touch your HEART?

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.*

STEP #5: Application

Lastly, let's go around the group and answer the following questions:

- 1. What character traits in a person would make you say that they are a 'good' man or woman?*
- 2. Do you agree with the statement "We are as full of the Holy Spirit as we want to be"? How could you grow in fullness of the Holy Spirit?*
- 3. Fullness of faith is the result of hearing the voice of God. How do you hear the voice of God?*

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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