

MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP

PODCAST
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EP57

The Leaders Dress

Code:

Humility

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 Leaders Dress Code"

STEP #1: ACCOUNTABILITY

Let's get started. The topic of discussion today is "Humility" 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/IdTqwewflrY>

READER 1

THE LEADERS DRESS CODE

3. HUMILITY

Romans 13:14 (NIV) “... clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ...”

Colossians 3:12-15 (NIV) “Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with **compassion**, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

Remember that by clothing ourselves with Christ's character we are clothing ourselves in His glory!

Def: “Humility is not thinking less of yourself. It is just thinking about yourself less.”

*- Humility has to do with **focus***

*Most people are **self absorbed** - only focussing on themselves and their interests.*

READER 2

The Bible gives a great definition of humility:

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”

There it is: “Humility is being motivated by the interests of others”

Quote: “*Humility is the sense of complete nothingness, that Christ may be all*” - **Andrew Murray**

In fact I believe that humility is the SECRET POWER of the Kingdom!

- It is the path to promotion, authority and glory

READER 3

Take a note of this amazing description of humility in Jesus’ life and then the result of his humility:

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

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.

READER 4

RESULT OF HUMILITY:

Do you see the three fold result of Jesus' humility?

1. REPUTATION (vs 9) - *Because Jesus had the faith to humble himself, God exalted His name to be above every name. When we focus on others and not our reputation, God will take care of our reputation.*

2. AUTHORITY (vs 10) - *The result of Jesus' humility was that God gave him a level of*

authority above all. Every knee will bow before him. When we focus on serving others, our authority over others will grow.

3. GLORY (vs 11) - *God was glorified through Jesus' humility. We are created to glorify God. What an amazing testimony of glory that flowed from Jesus' willingness to humble himself.*

READER 5

CHALLENGE: *How do we put on humility?*

1. MINDSET - *Humility is a character mindset. It is a choice about how we view the world. At the centre of the mindset is FOCUS. Proud people make themselves the focus. Humble people put the spotlight on God and others.*

2. RIGHTS vs. RESPONSIBILITIES - *Humility is about serving and giving to others. It does not grasp after rights and privileges but takes responsibility for the rights and privileges of*

others. Arrogant people grasp for privilege and position. Humble people open their hands to serve.

3. OBEDIENCE - *Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient. This is the ultimate sign of humility. Obedience means putting someone else's will in front of your own. Humility starts with Jesus' prayer "Not my will but Your will be done"*

Humility is the secret weapon of the Kingdom. It requires faith and trust but is the key to PROMOTION , AUTHORITY and GOD BEING GLORIFIED in your life.

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. If humility is a mindset, then how do you change to a mindset of focussing on others?***
- 2. What privileges or rights are you clinging to that you feel you have earned or deserve? Are you willing to let them go?***
- 3. If humility is in fact measured by obedience to God then how humble are you really?***

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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