

This Week's Scripture: Nehemiah 9 (Making a Commitment)

Feet to Faith Review: Who had a needed modification to their calling God has for them as we discussed last week?

Message Points this Week:

1. Long Term Leadership is Deep
2. Long Term Leadership is Wide
3. Long Term Leadership is High

Introduction: Have you ever had a short term project turn into a much greater leadership responsibility? If so, explain. How did you view the responsibility (i.e. a burden, an honor, etc.)?

Discussion Point 1 (Long Term Leadership is Deep)

We learn that Nehemiah's wall project turned into something much greater, long term and far reaching that initially anticipated. What different skillsets did this require of him that he may not have had formerly as a slave to the king?

Nehemiah, first and foremost, ensured that the dedication of their accomplishment went to God...not him and not to them. How can or do you apply this in the leadership role(s) you have?

As far as Tabernacle's building project, how do you see that project glorifying God and furthering His kingdom first and foremost?

Discussion Point 2 (Long Term Leadership is Wide)

Wide leadership requires a great level of inclusivity for all those around or involved. How do we sometimes miss the opportunity to be wide in our leadership?

The 80/20 rule (i.e. 20% of the people do 80% of the work) is pretty accurate in many situations in life, unfortunately. Being a wide leader means including and involving those that aren't as motivated as others. What are some ways you are able to increase participation as a leader?

Discussion Point 3 (Long Term Leadership is High)

Above reproach is a common term we hear when it comes to strong leadership. Discuss as a group the concept of being "above reproach".

How we live as a family unit was one example from the message today that emphasized the importance of High Leadership. Go around the room and list one thing you, or shouldn't do that will enhance your ability to be high in your leadership?

Go back around the room and give yourself a grade from 1-5 on how you feel you are performing in your household regarding high leadership and being above reproach; then list the one thing you know you could do better.

Living It Out

Today's message was on commitment, however, it still dealt heavily with leadership. The truth is that commitment to anything takes real leadership, and when it comes to our faith in Jesus all of us are called to be leaders. Consider the depth of the your faith and commitment to your Christian walk this week. Consider how you can be more inclusive in your walk and bring glory to God first and foremost.

For the parents of the group, take some time to reflect on your example to your children. Statistically, a vast majority of kids (75+%) leave the church after leaving the home, never to return. The number one reason given is that they simply didn't believe Christianity is true because they never saw the fruits of it in the home. 90% of same kids reported little to no scripture sharing/discussion outside of blessings before meals. These are devastating realities.

Seek out at least one way that you are going to improve your Christian leadership in your home moving forward. Maybe it's weekly scripture discussion, maybe it's going on a family a mission trip, maybe it's volunteering for a local charitable need. Be as creative as you like, but come next week to discuss what need you saw and how you are going to address it.

