



## Jesus Leads: Humility | March 4, 2020

### Discussion Guide

#### The Scoop

We can't learn if we are always talking, because if we are talking then we are just repeating things that we already know.

#### Key Verse(s)

##### Luke 2: 46-47

*"After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers."*

#### Discussion

When we think about leadership we tend to think about assertive figures that tell others how to act and what to do. The issue with this leadership style is that by constantly talking rather than listening, we lose the opportunity to hear new points of view. We can't learn anything new, and we become further and further removed from those we seek to lead.

1. What are some examples of aggressive leaders and humble leaders in your life?
2. Can you think of other leadership qualities you desire that are similar to humility or pair well with humility?

In Simon Sinek's book *"Leaders eat Last,"* Simon explains that, *"The rank of office is not what makes someone a good leader, leadership is the choice to serve others with or without formal rank."* This is true in our everyday lives, and equally true as we seek to emulate Jesus.

3. Can you think of ways you can lead without authority or positional rank?
4. Sinek also pleads for us to "be the leaders we wish we had." What might that look like in your life? Who needs you to lead in places you were never led?

Good leaders show humility in their actions. Leaders who listen show the capacity for change and often succeed because of their ability to make adjustments and changes based on their followers' needs. If we consider the ways that Jesus led by listening to his teachers early in life and his followers later in life, he was able to gain new information and better serve his disciples. Whether he was talking with kings or peasants, Jesus was inquisitive to learn more about people's lives and aspirations.

5. In addition to leading others, who are you following? Who are you accountable to? What are you learning?
6. What are some ways you can better emulate Jesus in your current spiritual journey?

#### What's Next?

Remember, you do not need permission from someone else to be a leader. By showing humility and a genuine interest in those around you, you can positively influence the lives of the people in your life. Faith requires us all to lead in some way. This week as you live out your faith, we challenge you to listen more, be more observant, respond to other's needs, and consider others greater than yourself. What might this look like for you? What is one thing you will intentionally do differently?

\*\*\*You can find a template of our 5-minute faith journal at [faithinfive.com](http://faithinfive.com) to further engage your goals and connect them with your faith.\*\*\*