

Jesus Leads: Vision | Feb 26, 2020

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

One of the key characteristics of leadership is vision. If we want to lead people to somewhere, we have to know where we are taking them.

Key Verses

Matthew 6:33 (NLV)

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."

Discussion

Many of us have hopes and dreams...some sort of picture of the future. Sometimes they are "out there", out of reach, and we have no idea how to get there. One of the key characteristics of a leader is moving people forward toward something. Leaders look ahead and see things that are not realized.

- 1. What are some examples of typical dreams people have for their futures?
- 2. Do you have any examples of dreams you have or things you hope to accomplish?

Leaders have vision: Leaders paint a picture of a future and then influence others to move toward that desired future state. Without having a vision of where you are going it is hard for anyone to join in on the journey. If we look at the leadership example of Jesus, we regularly see him paint the picture of the desired future state. Whether it was a personal life change or the ultimate focus of God's desire for His kids, Jesus show us where he was taking us.

- 3. Can you think of any examples of good leaders who point people toward a better future state? What makes them successful leaders?
- 4. What are some examples of future "vision" type things that Jesus taught others?

In Matthew 6:33 the Bible tells us that "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." Jesus wants us to have bigger dreams than we could ever imagine on our own. The ultimate goal is the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. We can show people what that looks like, what the characteristics of the kingdom are, people can seek after that...and the world gets better.

- 5. In what ways are you seeking the Kingdom of God? What does that mean to you? What are the characteristics of the Kingdom of God?
- 6. How are other people experiencing the Kingdom of God as a result of your life? Who are you pointing toward God and how are you doing so?

What's Next?

Remember, leadership give us the ability to influence the lives of those around you. The big question for each of us is how are we influencing and what are we influencing people to do. This week ask yourself the following questions:

- 1. What examples are you following and are they moving you toward God?
- 2. What are your biggest dreams and do they align with God's desires for you and this world?
- 3. Are you leading anybody toward God and will they move toward a better future state as a result of your leadership?

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