

Sermon Questions

Exodus 17

This week we talked about expectations that we can have when we lead for the Lord. In any venue being a spiritual leader comes with responsibilities and expectations. Often, we think we can do better than the people who are leading us until we receive that same mantle of responsibility. We then learn that leading is far more comprehensive and that the ways we are leading actually cause some problems for others. There is nothing wrong to aspire to leadership, but we must remember that serving is what leadership is all about. It is taking initiative for an individual or a group of people to influence them to walk closer with the Lord. The challenge for the leader is that simply being obedient to God will bring heartache and frustration to the people you are leading and ultimately to you. May this week's message prepare your heart for your calling and comfort you in your current position.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

Leadership Expectations

Exodus 17

When you lead for the Lord, you can expect...

Blame and criticism for legitimate problems, which you helped create but cannot solve (1-3)

An increased dependency to seek the Lord and go public with what He says (4-7)

Ongoing opposition and attack for you and those you are leading (8)

An absolute need to choose godly men who will fight for and with you (9-13)

A deeper intimacy with God by experiencing His power and victory (14-16)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. Why was Moses being blamed for a lack of water? Did Moses lead the people where there was no water? Why? Did the people have a legitimate reason to be concerned about no water?

2. Did the people handle their concern about a lack of water in the correct way? Why or why not? Why was Moses being blamed and criticized? What can a leader expect when he leads people in God's ways? Why does God allow leaders to be criticized?
3. Why is it important to understand that blame and criticism will come to you when you are doing a good job leading? Why should you be aware of this truth? What might blame and criticism actually be communicating? How can you grow a more tender heart and more thick skin?
4. Why does leading cause an increased dependency on the Lord? What is the difference between an increased dependency and just praying? Why does a leader need prayer time to hear the voice of the Lord?
5. When a person leads for the Lord why is learning the Lord's direction essential at all times? What happens when a leader no longer seeks the Lord for guidance? Who is really leading when a leader is NOT seeking the Lord? What are the results when a leader no longer seeks to hear and obey Jesus?
6. How difficult is it to go public with what the Lord shows you? Why does the Lord have you go public with his directions? How public was the ministry of Jesus Christ? How public does He want your ministry to be?
7. What does it mean that someone who leads for the Lord will experience ongoing opposition and attack? From where can a leader expect attack to come? Why is this important to know that opposition and attack will always be present?
8. Why is having a group of men or women who will fight for and with you essential? What happens if you try and fight alone? Who are your men? Women? What can you count on them for? How have they helped you in the past?
9. Who are you fighting for? Why? Do they know? Why is it imperative that you are fighting for them?
10. How does intimacy grow from victory? What are areas that you have seen God give victory in your life and the life of others? How have these victories built your faith? What are some areas that you would like to see God move?
11. What was your greatest take-a-way from this message? What do you need to apply in your life RIGHT NOW?