

## Week 3 – No More Weak Leadership

### Notes:

After thinking about prior studies that I've been a part of, I don't want us to work our way through these sessions and at the end, say that sure was (or wasn't) a good study and move on.

Make it personal. From Week 1 – No More Hiding Behind the Past, what from YOUR past are you laying down and giving completely to God?

From Week 2 – No More Holding Back, is there something that is and has been holding you back from being who God has called you to be? From stepping out in faith and doing whatever God has called you to do? Is it fear? Selfishness (my time)? Lack of Confidence?

For Week 3 – No More Weak Leadership, as a man, what is my role and responsibility in my home, church, community and God's Kingdom?

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In what area(s) of responsibility did/do you feel convicted to begin exercising more ownership? Can you do more for God?

- Family (Wife & Son, my siblings, extended family)
- Work
- Church

Why did God look for Adam even though it was Eve who first ate the fruit?

- He was the foundation of the relationship and was ultimately responsible. Statement #2 from the video (Pg. 45): At the core of a definition of a man and his leadership responsibility is that he is responsible, even if he's not to blame. An example that was given was a coach.

In what ways are leaders accountable for the people under their care and supervision?

- I think about my role as an elder; am I doing a good job in and outside of the church? What about with my shepherding list? Do I call and check on them often enough? Am I seeking opportunities to disciple young/new believers?
- As elders, deacons and/or men in the church, are we responsible for the growth and direction of the church or is it all on the pastor and youth pastor? Are we supporting our pastor's and in what way might they need our support?

From the Watch section on page 45, did any of the statements stand out to you?

- We referenced one above (2<sup>nd</sup> statement).
- Another that stood out to me was, "If you're going to be a real man, you have to accept accountability to be under God." One thing I love about HCC and the relationships I have with brothers from other churches and denominations, is that I know they will hold me accountable/responsible for fulfilling my role in the church and in God's Kingdom and if they see me out of His will.

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What does this verse mean to you?

- 'I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.' 1 Cor. 11:3

What does submitting to Christ look like in practical, everyday actions?

- Putting Him first in everything; my actions, my decisions, etc. and allowing my life to revolve around Him. Many times I've only sought Him when it was convenient for me.

Describe some ways men can live as strong leaders in their homes, churches and communities:

- Lead my family spiritually; ensure that we are in church and guard how we live our lives....what we are exposed to, what we watch, listen to, etc.
- Pray for and accept roles to serve God in the church; seek to be someone's Paul.
- Become a part of an outreach or ministry in the community. Be a witness!

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In what ways might men attempt to hide behind their blessings to give the outward appearance that they're strong spiritual leaders?

- I feel that I should lead by example and model my faith. As an elder, I should try to attend as many elder meetings as I can, attend Bible study, reach out, pray over and have concern for my shepherding list/the church as a whole.
- If I have a gift, I should use it for God. If I have the ability to teach, sing, work with youth, the gift of prayer – I should use those.

What specific, practical steps can you take this week to live according to God's standard of leadership?

- Pray more
- Read/study God's word (I need to do better)
- Pray for and see opportunities to share Christ with others (I need to do better)