Leadership and Life: Becoming a Person Worth Following

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Introduction

- My journey into leadership
- What about your journey
- Interact with this statement: "you are the hardest person you will ever have to lead."
- Define leadership. Leadership is.....
- What is self-leadership?
- Ephesians 2:3-4

Self-Leadership

- Know yourself to lead yourself to become a leader worth following
- Begin with the end in mind: what is your life mission?
 - Mission: what am I called to do/be/accomplish?
 - Strategy: how am I going to make that happen?
 - Values: why do I do things the way I uniquely do them?
- Imagine your funeral eulogy and what you would like said.
 - What is YOUR personal mission statement?
 - What values will guide your life?
 - How will you get this to come to reality?

Theories of Leadership

- 4 types and styles (among many others)
 - o Transactional leadership
 - Leader-member exchange leadership
 - Transformational leadership
 - Inclusive leadership
- What is transformational leadership?
- How is transactional leadership different?
- Five marks of transformational leaders
 - Change agents
 - o Invested
 - Others oriented
 - Impart hope and courage
 - Focus on vision/future
- A note about charismatic leaders

Leadership Efforts with a Team

- The Speed of Trust
 - o Character and competence
 - Building integrity

- Commitments
- Stand for something
- Be open and humble
- Team dynamics and development
- Eph 4:1-3
- Paul Tripp's 12 Gospel Principles for leaders
 - 1. Focus on health
 - 2. Nurturing grace
 - 3. Recognize personal limits
 - 4. Teach balance and rhythm
 - 5. Character over structures
 - 6. Spiritual warfare awareness
 - 7. A call to sacrifice
 - 8. Humility and loving honesty
 - 9. Locus of identity and worth
 - 10. Gospel first in everything
 - 11. Tenure and longevity
 - 12. Handling failure with grace
- Fighting the temptation to be special

How to Improve Your Leadership (no matter where you are starting)

- Leaders are Readers
- Be Mentored
- Embrace Humility as a lifestyle

A few of my favorite books

Leadership: 9th edition, by Peter Northouse,

Leading the Team Based Church, by George Cladis

Teams That Thrive: Five Disciplines of Collaborative Church Leadership, by Hartwig and Bird

Leadership in Christian Perspective: Biblical Foundations and Contemporary Practices for Servant Leaders, by Irving and

Strauss

Creative Works on Leadership

Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Unchartered Territory, by Bolsinger

Team of Teams: New Rules of Engagement for a Complex World, by General Stanley McChrystal

Transforming Leadership, by James MacGregor Burns