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Lead with Vision

As Christ-followers, we don't just show the way, we lead the way. But what does it look like for all of us to lead? How do we lead from where God has us right now? Let's look at some real-life examples from the Bible and learn how it's done.



INTRODUCTION

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Heb 11:1 ESV) In today's sermon we examined Noah's life to see what it looks like to lead with vision, a vision of faith that is strong enough for the littlest to the largest God-sized tasks. Let's see what faith like that is really made of...

STARTER QUESTION

Noah is a well-known character to anyone who has been around church. Describe how you think our culture is similar to the culture of Noah's day? What about Noah's life stands out to you the most?

INTO THE WORD

One element of faith is trusting that God will do what He says He's going to do. Read Mark 13:31 and Numbers 23:19 and discuss how you think they support that statement.

Pastor David said one aspect of faith is embracing what you cannot see. Read Romans 4:16-18 (ESV). What do you think were some things that challenged Noah's faith?

Pastor David mentioned that Noah had the perseverance and obedience to follow through to complete what God had called him to. Read Galatians 6:9 and 1 Samuel 15:22.(ESV). What do you think causes people to become weary in living out their vision and mission? What do think helps people regain their strength? Why do you think God said through Samuel that "...to obey is better than sacrifice..."?

APPLICATION

David pointed out faith means trusting God will do what he says He's going to do. People sometimes let us down because they don't always keep their word, but we can always rely on God to keep His word. How would you rate yourself on keeping your word? Are there strategies you use to help?

Pastor David's last point about faith was may it be visible to the world. Jesus refers to Noah and the flood in relation to His unexpected second coming (Matthew 24:26-39). What do you think making your faith visible looks like in today's culture? Is there anything in particular you do to make your faith visible?

PRAYER

David began today's sermon with a comparison between the company Uber and the Cross. He contrasted the vision and purpose of each to highlight our vision as Christians *to have faith in all things including God-sized tasks* in order *to give God glory (weight)* in our lives. As a group, pray for each other this week that God will open our eyes for opportunities to exercise Noah-like faith as we live our lives to God's glory. (Perhaps you can each pick a specific person in the group to pray for with the assignment of reporting back to the group how God made Himself known during the week.)