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Uncommon Leadership

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Week 4
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Bottom Line: Provide the next generation with a standard for living rather than a standard of living.

Icebreaker: Who was an outstanding “coach” you had in some arena of life? What made him or her so helpful?

Key Verse: This is a trustworthy saying: “If someone aspires to be a church leader, he desires an honorable position.” 1 Timothy 3:1

Sometimes we feel a bit self-conscious or awkward to admit we’d like to lead. It feels like others may think we are pushy or grabbing for something we shouldn’t. But when Paul was writing to his young mentee, Timothy, he essentially said, “My long experience proves this to be true—anyone who aspires to be a leader in the church is wanting something very worthwhile.” The word “aspire” is not a passive word. It doesn’t mean something you simply dream about. It is something for which you actively aim and work.

While plenty of people would like to be in charge, uncommon leadership is something else. It is putting the best interests and welfare of the people you lead at the top of your priorities. It is a goal that requires the most and best from a person. Someone who wants to lead in the church this way, and makes the commitment and preparation to lead with excellence, impacts the present and future generations. What he or she does really matters. That’s why wanting to lead in this way is honorable. It is a high calling, but available to all of us.

The most significant thing this kind of a leader does is model the way to live and lead successfully. It’s an honorable desire. Do you want to make this your goal? You can’t “desire” your way there, but you can aspire to it, and mix that aspiration with a little “perspiration,” or work, and become a leader of lasting impact. Nothing is more worthwhile.

Where can you start growing?

THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most specifically from the weekend message?

The uncommon leader needs clarity about God, himself, and his purpose. Specifically, what do you think is most important to clarify in each area?

The uncommon leader must have strong character. What fallout is most likely when a leader, especially a next-generation leader, fails in a character area?

Competency is a must. Being a good person is not enough. An uncommon leader works hard to be at the top of his/her skills. How can a leader grow?

Uncommon leaders persevere. What are the common temptations to quit? What happens when a leader drops out? How can a leader push through the hard times and stay fresh?

LOOK IT OVER <<<

Courage is vital. “The leader of an enterprise isn’t always the smartest or most creative person on the team. He isn’t necessarily the first to identify an opportunity. The leader is the one who has the courage to initiate, to set things in motion, to move ahead.” Discuss.

Compassion is crucial for uncommon leadership. It takes seriously the needs of others. John Maxwell says, “People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care.” Discuss.

Uncommon leadership coaches. A coach does three things: 1) Observes. 2) Instructs. 3) Inspires. “To acquire knowledge, a person must study. To acquire wisdom, one must observe” (Marilyn Von Sant). How does this apply to leading a new generation in standards for a godly life and success?

NEXT STEPS

This week, consider taking some next steps together, as a group:

1. Compile a list of next-generation people the group knows who need uncommon leadership.
2. Look for and list opportunities to connect the generations positively.

EVALUATION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at newpointe.org/daily:

Day 1: Psalm 78:4-7

Day 2: 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Day 3: Proverbs 1:5

Day 4: 1 Thessalonians 5:14

Day 5: Romans 12:8

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.
(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)