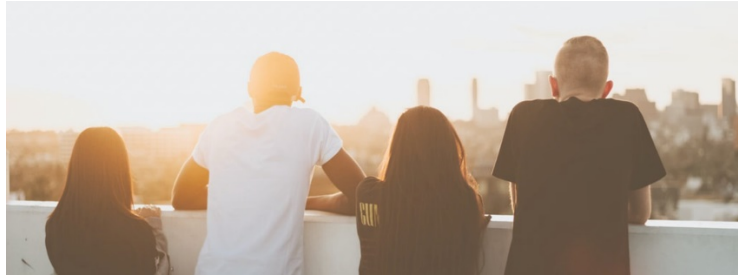


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Opening Questions:

1. Share a time when were you in a position of responsibility but didn't have real authority/influence?
2. Where have you seen someone's lack of character lead to their lack of influence?

Going Deeper:

1. In what areas of your life do you have responsibilities?
2. Read 1 Timothy 3 together. What are some characteristics of Godly leaders?
 - a. Which of these characteristics do you think our culture cares about the most?
 - b. Which of these characteristics do you think our culture cares about the least?
 - i. What would look different if our culture exemplified more of these characteristics?
3. Read 1 Timothy 4:12. Reflect on what type of example you are to others in the categories of speech, life, love, faith and purity.
 - a. What elements of your conduct help you to reflect the influence of Christ and help to spread the Kingdom of God?
 - b. What elements of your conduct do you think someone close to you (your spouse, family, or friends) would say does **not** reflect the influence of Christ?
 - c. Think of your typical week: what characteristics stand out (good and bad) in your interactions with people in these categories:
 - i. At work/school/ in your neighbourhood?
 - ii. As a driver?
 - iii. In stores/ restaurants?
 - iv. In your leisure time?

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4. In what areas do you see God currently working on your character?
 - a. Reflect back over the past 5, 10, or 20 years; how has God grown you to be more Christ-like?

5. Where is God calling you to let him work in growing and maturing your character? (If you are having a hard time, just ask your small group.)
 - a. Is there something you feel called to give up for the 40 days of Lent (from Wednesday Feb 26 to Easter April 9)?

Close in prayer

BLESS Rhythms Summary:

BLESS: This is the practice of blessing another person. It can be big or small (buying coffee, encouraging text/email, etc.). *Who have you blessed this week?*

LISTEN: This is the practice of listening, both to God and to others. *How did you set time aside this week to be a listener?*

EAT: This is the practice of sharing food with people. This can happen in a home or in a coffee shop. *Who are you eating with/ inviting into your home?*

SPEAK: This is the practice of speaking our faith. It can happen through encouragement, story sharing, and evangelism. *How have you spoken your faith this week?*

SABBATH: This is the practice of resting from work and taking time to rest and enjoy creation. *How are you practicing Sabbath this week?*