

Come to the
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Session 1:
Character
Matters

Character(istics) of the Problem

- The assessment of growth is relegated to only numbers – people & money
- Little accountability with most of the power in the hands of a small number of leaders
- Hide or cover even abuse with the rationale that we need to protect the name of Jesus/Church
- The charisma of the leader is mistaken for the charisma of the Spirit

To Follow...

Is to align to the vision & strategy of the leader.

Is to align to the character of the leader.

Is to detach from any visions & strategies & characters that are not aligned to your leader.

Is to align with those who accompany us in the vision & strategy & character of the leader.

Jesus Character Lesson

Jesus practiced his teachings on what it means to be a follower.

- John 6:38 - I do not my own will but the will of the Father
- John 12:45 – Whoever sees me sees the one (Father) who sent me.
- Matthew 5:20 – Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven.
- John 14:10 – The words I speak to you are not my own but are from the Father. & 13:4 – Love one another by this all people will know that you are my disciples.

Character

- Dictionary.com: 1. the aggregate of features and traits that form the individual nature of some person or thing 2. one such feature or trait; characteristic 3. moral or ethical quality.
- Urban Dictionary: 1. What a person is really like. Their values, personality, and level of integrity...when no one's looking. 2. One's moral compass.

Formed

- Disciplined in the vision & strategy & character of something or someone.
- Discerning all information through the vision & strategy & character of your teacher – something or someone.
- You will be formed by who or what you spend most of your time with.

The Responsibility of Followers

- The responsibility and judgement of leaders and followers is NOT equal. (Jeremiah 23:15-16)
- God expects his people to be discerning about who they follow. (2 Corinthians 11:1-15, Paul and the Super Apostles)
- Jesus is clear that, not only the message, but also the character of the messenger must align with him. (Matthew 7:15-20)