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## **OPEN**

**What three adjectives would you use to describe your nation's leader, or your boss, or one of the leaders in your church?**

We've generally got a lot to say about the leaders around us. In this session, Chadwick Mohan helps us to focus instead on what it means to become Christlike leaders, because these are the kinds of leaders we need in the church and indeed in every sector of society.

## **VIEW**

As you watch, write down how Chadwick answers these questions.

**Is meekness a strength or a weakness?**

**Why is authenticity particularly important in today's culture?**

**How did Chadwick's father show that he was teachable, even as an older man who had been a Christian for decades?**

**What did Jesus pray for us in John 17?**

**How did Jesus show that He was relational and empathetic?**

Show SESSION #3: *Christlike Leaders for Every Church and Sector* (15 minutes)

Chadwick opens the session by stating that we lack effective leadership in the church and the world at large. **Do you agree? Why, or why not?**

The greatest leadership principles known to humankind can be extracted from the exemplary life of Jesus. **Name some leaders who have inspired you at different times in your life. Did any of these leaders demonstrate Christlike qualities? If so, which ones?**

Chadwick explains that Christlike leaders aren't just born. They are formed and matured into the image of Christ through life's challenges, spiritual disciplines and practices, and through mentors who shape them into people who resemble Christ. **Who or what has been particularly instrumental in your development as a leader? If you could only pick one, which spiritual discipline (for example, Bible reading, fasting, prayer, or silence and solitude) would you recommend to a younger believer who wants to grow as a Christlike leader? Why?**

Chadwick suggests we use the helpful acrostic *MATURE* to process the qualities of a Christlike leader. *M* is for *meekness*—or humility—as modeled through Jesus’ servant-hearted leadership (Matthew 20:25–28). **Why do you think there are misconceptions about meekness being a weakness?**

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**Discuss the idea that being self-deprecating or self-pitying is the very opposite of humility and is actually a form of pride and self-obsession. Who stands out to you as humble—happily self-forgetful—despite being aware of their strengths and the value they add? In your capacity as a leader, who have you served this week?**

*A* is for *authentic, accountable, and authority* (Matthew 28:18–19). **Why is authenticity such a countercultural leadership attribute? Why is it important for leaders to live in community? To whom are you accountable, as a leader? Talk about the difference between leading with authority and being authoritarian.**

*T* is for *teachable*. **Is it easy to follow a leader who thinks they know everything? Describe a recent teachable moment you've benefited from as a leader. Why is it inspiring—even moving—to see a mature, elderly Christian taking notes in church or learning from someone with less experience than them?**

*U* is for *unifier*. Of all the things Jesus could've prayed for us, His church, He prayed that we might be unified (John 17). **Why is unity in the church so important? How might a leader sabotage unity?**

*R* is for *relational*. Jesus clearly cared deeply

about others, offering them His time and undivided attention, and being approachable and interruptible. **Why do you think some leaders separate themselves relationally from those they're leading? What would it look like for you to love the people you're leading this week?**

*E* is for *empathetic*. Effective leaders know and understand their people. **How did Jesus demonstrate that He even loved those who killed Him? How do the people you're leading know you care about them?**

### **BIBLE EXPLORATION**

Numbers 12:3 reads, "Now Moses was very humble—more humble than any other person on earth." **How did Moses prove that a humble leader is also brave and selfless?**

Read Proverbs 9:9 and Proverbs 13:18. **Who is the most teachable leader you know? What could you do to be more like them? Talk about a time when you were glad you asked a question (because if you hadn't sought clarity, further teaching, or an explanation, you would've led your family or organization to disaster).**

Read Luke 12:48 and Romans 14:12. **As a leader, do you feel as if you've been entrusted with little or much? Why?**

John tells us, "Jesus knew that the Father had

given Him authority over everything and that He had come from God and would return to God." (John 13:3) **What did Jesus do immediately after this revelation? What might it look like for you to lead with both authority and humility?**

Read Acts 4:13. **What led onlookers to the realization that Peter and John had undeniable authority as leaders?**

Paul writes, "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony." (Colossians 3:14) **Do you think the people under your leadership would describe you as always "clothed with love"? What would change in your church, family, organization, or workplace if unity was achieved, overnight?**

### **LAST WORD**

To be impactful leaders in the church and in the wider world, let's follow Jesus, the greatest leader of all. May we look to His exemplary life in all we do, trusting Him to mature us and to use us for His glory and the furthering of His Kingdom.

## **DEEPER WALK**

*Select at least one activity below to complete before watching the next session.*

**Read:** Read John 13:34–35 and Matthew 9:36. What kind of courage will be required of you, if you're to be known as a Christlike leader in the world out there?

**Write:** Look at the acrostic *MATURE* again. Write down the leadership attribute you feel God is challenging you to focus on in this season, then write down any ideas that come to mind. For example, if the attribute is *teachable*, you may have the idea, *Buy coffee for \_\_\_\_\_ (a leader you look up to) and ask them about \_\_\_\_\_ (an area of life in which you want to grow).*

**Pray:** Romans 12:9–13 says, "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Turn these verses into a prayer for yourself as a leader, and for those leading you.

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