

LEAD LIKE JESUS

Small Group discussion guide

Week # 7, March 27 & 30, "EGO Adjustment"
Pastor Joe Farrell

John 20:24-31 ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Notes and Thoughts ...

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Facilitator Guide

Now that this 2008 Lenten series is over, it is time for your group to make a decision as to *what next?* Has your group considered:

- Attending the *Bible Alive!* event on April 4 & 5?
- Your April 27th Faith in Action service project?
- Meeting for a fun, social gathering, perhaps attending the Point Loma Singers concert at RBCPC on April 20th?

Congratulations on the completion of the **Lead Like Jesus Small Group** series!

Please note: **Lead Like Jesus** will continue at RBCPC as an ongoing ministry with workshops, support groups and resources available to individuals, small groups, ministry teams, and our friends and neighbors in the community. The initial follow on programs at RBCPC offered are:

1. **Lead Like Jesus Study Guide workbooks**, available now, free-of-charge. This is a six-week intensive study, for those interested in deeper study and practice.
2. **Leadership Encounter**, Saturday, June 7, 2008, a one-day intensive workshop with Ken Blanchard and his team.
3. **Leadership Encounter**, Saturday, September 6, 2008.
4. **EGO Anonymous Support Group**, beginning Fall '08, meeting weekly, facilitated by Ken Blanchard and his team.

If you would please fill out this evaluation and return it to Rochelle either via e-mail, rcastillo@rbcp.org, or drop it off at the church office, we would greatly appreciate it!

Lead Like Jesus Evaluation

A. Materials:

1. Did your group use all three tools for the study (text, sermon & study guides)?
2. Was it easy to coordinate the tools for effective discussion?
3. Which tool did your group feel was the most helpful?

B. Fellowship:

1. Has the group time been a positive, relationship building experience?
2. Were you able to share in leadership?
3. Is your group going to participate in further Lead Like Jesus opportunities at RBCPC?

C. Transformation:

1. Has this series changed the group's view of influence/leadership?
2. Were there shared stories of *transformation* as a result of this study?

Comments and suggestions: _____

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START IT:

- [New groups] Share one tradition that you continued to uphold this Easter.
- Share one thing you did to cultivate your leadership legacy in your home or workplace last week.
- Share something you did, motivated by pride, that backfired on you.

STUDY IT:

- Read John 20:24-31 aloud. Why does Jesus respond to Thomas' doubts in such a positive way? Why does he address his disbelief?
- A whole week passed before Thomas actually saw Jesus, how do you think the other disciples felt when Thomas demanded physical proof?

[Read aloud] I wonder if his *heart* was motivated by safety, security, status, or self-interest. I wonder if his *head* was confused by values that did not honor God, nor trust his closest friends. I wonder if his *hands* were motivated in any way to feed his own self-interest, so he had to put his own fingers in the holes on Jesus' side. And we cannot speak specifically of Thomas' *habits*, but I wonder what he was doing that was tearing him away from community, purpose, call, relationships, and God.

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- In the dynamics of your small group, which of the four domains of leadership (heart, head, hands, habits) is most affected? Why?
- Jesus taught us how to imitate God. How do you communicate to others outside the church that imitating God is your goal without offending their belief/non-belief and still be effective as a leader?
- If you shared a behavior motivated by pride from the "START IT" section, how might the experience and/or outcome have been different had you been motivated by love?

LIVE IT:

- How might you try to imitate Jesus, as opposed to imitating Thomas? Do you demand proof from others or do you believe everything they tell you? How do you discern which is appropriate?
- Work through Tool #3, Power Drill, from *Lead Like Jesus* pg. 221 - 223. Share your results with each other.
- As Jesus washed the disciple's feet, each of you take a shoe mitt and practice the act of servant leadership to someone in the group by shining their shoes.

PRAY IT:

- **Application:** Pray that you might live a life of love, just as Christ loved us.
- **Personal requests:** Select one of the prayers from *Lead Like Jesus* pgs. 228 – 233, and pray it silently.
- **Ministry (within the church):** Pray for direction and leadership for the Lead Like Jesus ministry at RBCPC
- **Mission (in the world):** Pray that the Faith in Action Weekend on April 26 & 27 will bless many in our community.