

Questions, Quotes and Notes

August 7, 2022

Luke 6:12-16: Peter's Principles

Pre-Sermon:

Here are some questions to think about to get you ready to listen to the sermon on Sunday.

1. What do leaders do?
2. What makes a great leader?
3. What is different about how Christians think about leadership and how non-Christians do?
4. What leader has influenced the way you think about leadership the most? How?
5. What is one quality you think you need to work on to become a better leader?

Mid-Sermon:

We are looking at one of the men God used to turn the world upside down to see what we can learn about spiritual leadership. Specifically, I want us to look at Simon Peter and ask what is it that causes a person to make the kind of impact Simon did? We are going to look at his gifts, his commitments and his relationship with Jesus.

But instead of having you simply focus on listening for an outline, I want to give you some important ideas to listen for. So, as you come to the service, bring a piece of paper and a pen, and see if you can answer these questions as I preach.

1. This message is part of a series. What is the overall series about?
2. Why are we taking time to talk about leadership?
3. What is one reason it is so important we look carefully at what the Bible teaches about leadership?
4. Why are we considering what we can learn from Simon specifically?
5. What were some of the things John MacArthur pointed out about Simon's temperament that made him especially suited to be a leader?
6. We talked about three vital spiritual qualities we can identify from Simon's life. Which one of these stood out the most to you?
7. Sometimes when we think about leadership, we think are we gifted enough? Am I strong enough? But first we should really think, am I submissive enough? Am I humbled enough? Am I needy and dependent enough? Which of these three areas do you think you need to grow in?
8. What encouraged you the most from this message?

- Important Cross References:

1. Luke 5:1-11
2. Matthew 14:22-33

Notes:

Post Sermon:

- Important Quotes:

1. "Long before Peter was ever born, back in the councils of eternity, God determined the whole redemptive plan was going to come to pass, that the Lord would come to earth and be incarnate, that He would have the apostles, their names were well known to God, they were written down. And Peter was planned into the program. And so whatever genetics had to be done to get Peter the raw material, it was there. Peter had all that leadership raw material," he wanted to learn, he took initiative, he didn't just sit back, he saw a problem, and he put himself in there, to try and help and make it better. *And yet, while Simon may have had some natural gifts that made him more suited for leadership, those natural gifts can't explain why he made the impact he did.*"
2. "Effective spiritual leadership begins with an absolute unswerving commitment to following. As long as we are the ones living our lives like we are in charge, we will never be true spiritual leaders. We won't make a lasting impact. Because you can't lead others until you learn to follow Jesus, and following Jesus wholeheartedly means, submitting to the authority of His Word over your life, completely. Jesus has to hold a place in your heart that no one else and nothing else can compete with. And so if we are asking ourselves, can I be a spiritual leader, one question we need to really think about is. Is there anything in our lives where we would tell Jesus, no I won't submit?"

- Application:

We don't want to be hearers of the word only, but doers. Being a doer usually takes thinking, however. Spend some time thinking about how you can apply what you learned today.

1. What do you need to believe as a result of this message?
2. Were there any areas in your life where you were challenged? What do you need to do differently as a result?
3. Is there any area in your life you are saying no to Jesus about? What are you going to do about it?
4. How can you be a better leader as a result of this message?
5. What should you be looking for in a leader?

- How Well Was I Listening Questions:

Here are some questions you can ask your children after listening to the message.

1. What apostle did we talk about today?
2. What were his different names?
3. What does the word Peter mean?
4. Where was he from? What did he do for a job?
5. What were the three qualities we pointed out about Peter that are essential for spiritual leadership?