

Episode 3: Leaders are Learners

Strong leaders never stop learning.

We grow by learning from God's Word, from people, and from experience.

Matthew 11:29 - Jesus invites us to learn from Him with humility.

Psalms 119:105 - God's Word guides our steps and our path.

Proverbs 15:22 - Wise advice strengthens our plans.

Romans 5:3-4 - Trials develop endurance, character, and hope.

Fill in the blanks:

1. One of the greatest marks of a strong leader is_____.
2. The moment you think you have arrived is the moment you stop
_____.
3. Leaders grow by learning from God's _____,
from _____, and from _____.
4. For church leaders, the Bible is not optional; it is_____.
5. Strategies and trends change, but the_____
never changes.
6. When leaders stay rooted in Scripture, they stay_____.
7. God never called us to lead _____.
8. Mentors, peers, and even _____
can teach us when we are willing to listen.

9. When you stop listening, you stop _____;
when you stop learning, you stop_____.
10. Some of leadership's best lessons come from trials, victories, and
_____.
11. David's battles with lions and bears were _____
for the battle ahead.
12. Our experiences are _____ that God uses to
prepare us to lead.
13. Every leader should ask, 'What is God _____
me through this?'
14. Great leaders never stop being great _____.

*Teachability is not weakness.
It is the humility that keeps a leader growing.*

Circle the Best Answer:

1. What is one of the greatest marks of a strong leader?
 - A. Having all the answers
 - B. Teachability
 - C. Working without help
 - D. Avoiding criticism

2. Why is God's Word essential for church leaders?
 - A. It gives people God's unchanging truth
 - B. It replaces relationships
 - C. It guarantees easy leadership
 - D. It keeps strategies unchanged

3. What happens when a leader stops listening?
 - A. The leader becomes independent
 - B. The team needs less direction
 - C. The leader stops learning and eventually stops leading
 - D. The leader avoids mistakes

4. What changed for the young leader in Pastor Jubal's example?
 - A. They proved they knew everything
 - B. They asked for help and opened their ears
 - C. They left the role
 - D. They rejected feedback

5. What does Romans 5:3-4 teach about problems and trials?
 - A. They should be avoided
 - B. They develop endurance, character, and hope
 - C. They prove failure
 - D. They matter only after success

6. What did David's battles with lions and bears represent?

- A. Distractions
- B. Punishment
- C. Training for the next battle
- D. Reasons to avoid Goliath

Complete the Three-Part Summary:

Leaders learn from God's Word because:

Leaders learn from people because:

Leaders learn from experience because:

Reflect and Come ready to share what you are learning.

1. Which learning area spoke to you most, and why?

2. In what area of your leadership do you most need to become more teachable?

3. Is there feedback, advice, or correction you have been slow to receive? What may God be showing you?

4. Describe one good, difficult, or disappointing experience God used to shape you as a leader.

5. How does your team benefit when you remain humble, teachable, and willing to grow?

6. What lesson should your department or team put into practice together?

Put It into Practice:

Choose one primary growth step for the next two weeks.

- ____ Learn from God's Word: Read one episode Scripture on at least three days and write down one truth that should shape how you lead.
- ____ Learn from people: Ask a pastor, mentor, peer, or trusted team member how you can grow. Listen without defending yourself.
- ____ Learn from experience: Reflect on a recent victory, mistake, conflict, or disappointment. Write down what God may be teaching you.
- ____ Practice active listening: Ask a question, listen fully, and repeat back what you heard before you respond.
- ____ Share what you learn: Tell someone on your team one lesson God is teaching you and how you plan to apply it.

Which suggestion appeals to you most, and why?

*Stay humble. Stay teachable. Stay hungry.
Great leaders never stop being great students.*