**Messages Series: Building the Kingdom Together**

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**Nehemiah: An Uncommon Leader**

Nehemiah 5:14-19

**Key Truth**: The test of your character is in **promotion**.

**Three Temptations of Leadership:**

1. You will be tempted to misuse your position.

2. You will be tempted to abuse your power.

3. You will be tempted to profit from your privileges.

**How Do We Build A Leadership Resume:**

1. Maintain Your Integrity.

A. Remember promotion comes from the Lord.

Psalm 75:5-7

B. The private life of the leader is under

constant attack from Satan.

2. Fear God.

A. Understand that you work for an audience of one.

Proverbs 29:2, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

3. Lead By Example.

A. The quickest way to the top is down the ladder of

humility. James 4:10, 1 Peter 5:6

4. Love people.

A. How you treat people is more important than

what you do for people.

B. Leadership is all about the betterment of others.

**Conclusion:** As leaders focus on what you can give not what you can get.

**Connection Group Study Questions**

**Quick Review:** Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read 1 Kings 11:1-13. Even though God blessed King Solomon with wisdom and riches, he still fell into immorality. What do you think was his downfall? How can we learn from his mistakes?

2. Rick Warren notes the mark of spiritual maturity occurs when a believer “takes off the bib and puts on an apron.” Immature children wear bibs and expect others to meet their needs. Those who wear aprons have learned the joy of serving others. Which attire are you wearing?

3. Read Proverbs 10:9: Why is integrity so important in the life a disciple?

4. Read Mark 10:35-45:James and John wanted a high position next to Jesus. However, Jesus taught that greatness in His eyes was seen in being a servant? How is Jesus view of leadership different from our culture? What teaching do we tend to see espoused in the leadership of our churches?

5. Read 1 Peter 5:1-4: The Apostle Peter instructs the elders on how to lead and watch out for the pitfalls of power, position and profit. What should motivate those desiring leadership?

6. Nehemiah lets the fear of the Lord guide his decision-making, resulting in justice and generosity. How have you seen justice and generosity operating within the body of believers? How could you join in those efforts? What specific steps could you take to demonstrate fairness and generosity in your key relationships with family and friends?