Men's Leadership 101

Mission

- To equip men to recognize the leadership responsibilities God has given them.
- To inspire and mentor men to develop themselves into servant-leaders of the family, church, workplace, and community.

Summary

This class is to help develop leadership qualities in men so we can swim upstream in a culture that devalues the worth of men in general. We want to help men learn the skills to have rock solid, permanent marriages later in life, become model fathers, and lead their own future families to be shining lights in the world.

Swimming upstream

Castigat ridendo mores

Introduction

Our culture is like a river. Most people go with the flow, but if we're going to be The People of God, we have to learn to go against the current.

Men, women, and couples are portrayed in our culture with all kinds of stereotypes that give us all the wrong assumptions about how things are, and how things ought to be. If we're going to become leaders, we have to see the culture we live in for what it is and acknowledge its affect on us. Then we have to be determined to push back against it and win.

✞ John 15:18-19 - If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. (NIV)

✞ 1 John 2:15-16 - Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.

Key points

1. We're being marketed a set of core values around the clock using everything from greed to sex to entice us to buy into ideas that will destroy us and our families.
2. The culture is trying to convince men to devalue women and women to devalue men.
3. Having a Biblical understanding of who men and women were created to be is the key to a long and happy marriage.
4. For those who choose to get married, a Christ-centered marriage is key to a life filled with confidence, purpose, and happiness.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are some of our culture's core values and how do they destroy families?
2. How are men are portrayed in our culture? How does this affect our view of ourselves? How women view us?
3. How are women portrayed in our culture? How does this affect their view of themselves and how we view them?
4. What kinds of goals would you expect your future wife to have?
5. What kind of goals do you think your future wife would like you to have?
6. Does "equal" mean "interchangeable?" Why or why not?
7. What are the consequences to you and to your future spouse of having a marriage that isn't "healthy?" What are the consequences to your job? Your kids? Your ability to serve others?