

Discussion Guide for Lessons from Lame Leadership

1. Read Matthew 27:15-26 and review the sermon outline.

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear or troubling?

2. Truth: True leaders judge rightly, stand their ground, and take the heat.

Read 1 Peter 5:1-4

What are the motivations or attitudes required for true leadership?

How might these attitudes translate over to leadership outside of the church and in the family, workplace, or community?

How might these requirements free up a leader to judge justly and stand their ground?

Share a time that you had to stand your ground as a leader but endured significant backlash. How did God sustain or vindicate you?

How does v.4 encourage you in leadership efforts?

How might v.4 encourage you when you take heat for a righteous leadership decision?

Consider the Proverbs on Leadership below

Proverbs 24:5-6 "A wise man is full of strength, and a man of knowledge enhances his might, ⁶ for by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory."

Proverbs 11:14 "Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety."

How do these Proverbs add to our understanding of the process of coming to a just judgment as a leader?

How have you seen these Proverbs neglected and trouble follow?

How have you seen these Proverbs heeded and blessing follow?