

Talk with Romans

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I. Introduction.

II. Biblical leadership.

A. We are not primarily servants of men but of Christ. (1 Corinthians 4:1)

1. We have to be free of people before we can really serve them. (1 Corinthians 9:19)

2. We preach for Jesus' sake. (2 Corinthians 4:5)

3. We are to be courageous in the face of people. (2 Samuel 3:8, Acts 26:17)

B. We are servants of the mission.

1. Moses and Joshua were given mission statements. (Exodus, Deuteronomy 3:28)

2. We find a mission statement in Matthew 28:28—to multiply laborers in every nation.

C. We are shepherds of the people God gives us to carry out the task. A ministry is to be people oriented and task oriented. (Psalm 78:72)

III. Discussion.

A. How to bring task and people into integration.

1. Wherever you are at, you need to be “all there.”

2. Set aside time for tasks and focus on them. (1 Peter 1:18)

3. Divide people to focus more on certain kinds of tasks.

B. One of the most distracting things in regards to leadership is criticism.

1. Prayer from friends helps to curb the negative effects of criticism.

2. Some say that we are not to forgive unless a brother repents. (Luke 17:3)

3. It is important to leave the offense with the Judge.

4. Forgiveness is remembering that it was left with the judge.

C. One of the keys to leadership is to rearticulate the vision and the aim with story.

Application questions

1. What are the three elements of biblical leadership?

2. Which element of biblical leadership is most challenging to you? Explain.

3. What stood out to you in the discussion? How has this influenced your thinking positively or negatively?
