

LEADERSHIP FOR A NEW GENERATION

with Mark Pettus

FOCUS VERSES

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

DISCUSSION

- 1. Mark talks about feeling like the "lid" on his relationship with God had been lifted when he met the founder of Church of the Highlands.
 - a. Do you feel like there's a lid or "ceiling" on your relationship with God right now?
 - b. What are the things you're not doing now in your spiritual life that you'd like to be able to do?
 - c. What do you think are some of the factors that are holding you back?
- 2. Mark says he's never felt like he's received a "master plan" from God, but that God did "open doors" for him that led to leadership opportunities.
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a. Are there any events in your life—particularly regarding your leadership roles in your career, family, or volunteering—that, looking back, you feel like God had a hand in?

- b. Does reflecting on those events make you feel any more confident of your purpose in life?
- 3. One of Mark's mentors once told him he should always have three leadership role models who are "doing it better."

a. Who would your three models be? They can be people you know or prominent figures you don't know personally.



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b. What about their leadership do you find admirable and worth emulating?

4. Are you good at delegating and working with a team, or are you the type of person who would rather do an entire project by yourself because you'd have complete control over how things were done?

a. If it's the latter, did you find anything enlightening or thought-provoking about Mark's discussion of building a great team and being "the hub of a wheel, not the top of a pyramid"?

5. Mark says leaders should make it their goal to be effective, not to always be right. a. Can you think of a time when you or someone you worked with was technically right, but not in a way that helped the team or advanced its goals?

b. Do you sometimes struggle to put other considerations ahead of your need to be right or seen as an authority?

6. Would you say you're a more effective leader at work or at home?

- a. Why do you think so?
- b. What are the strengths and weaknesses you feel that you exhibit in each setting?

7. What sacrifices have you made, or do you continue to make, for your spouse and family?

a. Do you find yourself ever resenting those sacrifices?

b. What are some positive things that have resulted from those sacrifices that you could focus on rather than the sacrifice or hardship itself?



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