

i.Leadership – Christian Leaders Today

This Week: i.Leadership

Great leadership has its roots in great followership. And great leaders inspire great followers. But in the end, it's the heart and soul of a follower that makes or breaks their personal path to greatness. In this sermon, we'll look at the heart and the focus of real greatness ... in leadership and in followership.

Luke 9:57–62

2 Kings 5

1. Great Christian followers _____
after great Christian leaders.

Elisha wanted nothing more than to do the things Elijah had done.

Gehazi did as he was told, but had no desire to do the things Elisha did.

2. Great Christian leaders make _____ their priority.

Elisha put prayer and godly living above all else.

Gehazi put fortune above all else.

3. Great Christian followers are _____
_____ to become great Christian leaders.

Elisha became one of the most influential leaders of his day.

Gehazi remained in exile the rest of his life).

My Notes

Digging Deeper and Going Further

Read Luke 9:57–62. This is the account of three people who expressed an interest in becoming disciples. Jesus, however, didn't respond in a way that we might expect. In fact, he seems to discourage people from following him.

1. In verse 58, Jesus tells the man how uncomfortable it would be as one of his followers. In what ways might it be uncomfortable to follow Jesus today?

2. In verse 60, Jesus tells a would-be disciple that to follow him means prioritizing discipleship above family ... and even over social expectations. What would it look like in your life to live within this priority?

3. In verse 62, Jesus tells a would-be disciple that he was expected to go "all in" and not look back. Compare this to Elisha's response in 1 Kings 19: 19–21.

4. Read 2 Kings 5. During this time, the nation of Aram was at war with Israel. Why would Elisha heal Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army?

5. Why do you think Elisha refused to accept Naaman's payment/gift?

6. How might Gehazi's actions have undermined Elisha's leadership and diplomacy?

7. How were Naaman's servants more leader-like than Gehazi?
