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WHO IS GOD IN YOUR LIFE &
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Phases of Leadership

The Model of John the Baptist

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3 Drives

- *Identity: To be known*
- *Meaning: To be respected*
- *Transcendence: To make a difference (legacy)*

Discussion Questions:

1. *Which of the drives is the biggest issue for students at your age? Why?*
2. *Give examples of ways you see those drives being revealed in leaders today?*
3. *Which is the biggest challenge for you personally? How does that show itself?*
4. *How do these drives relate to being a Christ-centered leader?*

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3 Drives

To be known

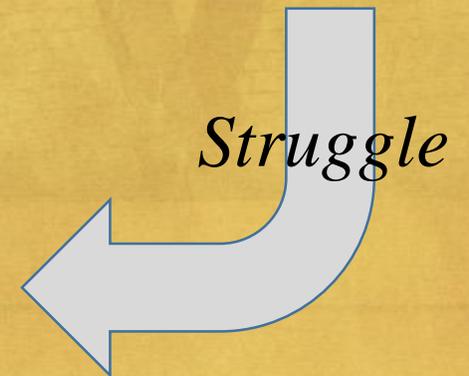
To be respected

To make a difference (legacy)



Struggle

Success



Struggle

Transition



Struggle

Reputation



Struggle

Opportunity



Challenge:

- What could I do? How do I do it? Can I succeed? Will I fail?
- Initial surprise at being chosen and used by God

John the Baptist: A Model for Leadership

*Luke 5:1-17 ... there was a **priest named Zechariah** ... And they were **both righteous** before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord... But **the angel** said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for **he will be great before the Lord**. ... he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷ and he will go before him **in the spirit and power of Elijah**, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”*

*Luke 1:80 And the child **grew and became strong in spirit**, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.*

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Note God's perspective on importance of well-known people compared to John

*Luke 3:1-2 In the fifteenth year of the **reign of Tiberius Caesar**, Pontius Pilate **being governor** of Judea, and Herod **being tetrarch** of Galilee, and his brother Philip **tetrarch** of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias **tetrarch** of Abilene, ² **during the high priesthood** of Annas and Caiaphas, **the word of God came to John** the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.*

John's response

*Matthew 3: 1-4 In those days **John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness** of Judea,² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" ⁴ Now John **wore** a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and **his food** was locusts and wild honey.*

Opportunity

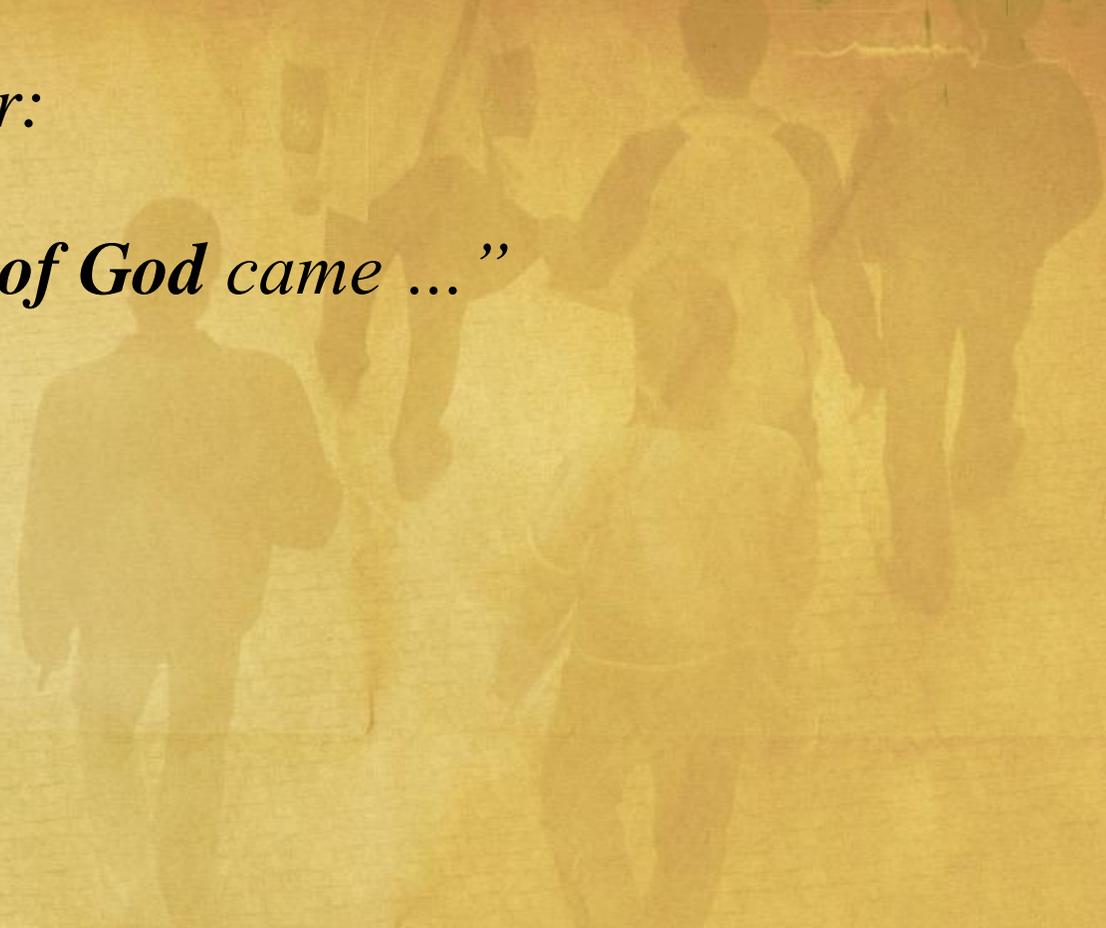
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Remember:

“The word of God came ...”



Success

Challenge:

- How do I keep it up?
- How do I keep people happy or liking me (*danger zone*)?
- How do I measure success?



Success

John the Baptist: A Model for Leadership

Matthew 3:5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

John's response Matthew 3:7-8, 11 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. .. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry.

Matthew 3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

John's response Matthew 3:14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

Luke 3:15 As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ

John's response Luke 3:16 John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.

John 1:19 And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

John's response John 1:20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

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Remember:

“The word of God came ...”

“Behold, the Lamb of God ...”

Transition

Challenge:

- Do I still have anything to contribute? Do they need me? Do they still want me? Why him/her and not me?

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*John 3:25-30 Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. ²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and **all are going to him.**" ²⁷ John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' ²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ **He must increase, but I must decrease.**"*



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*John 3:35-42 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ **The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.** ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ **One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.** ⁴¹ **He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah”** (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephias” (which means Peter).*

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Challenge:

- Did I do the right thing? Was it worth it? Why are people opposing or undercutting what I am doing?

John the Baptist: A Model for Leadership

Matthew 11:2-6 Now **when John heard in prison** about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “**Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?**” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

Matthew 14:3-12 ³ For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, ⁴ because John had been saying to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” ⁵ And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet. ⁶ But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and pleased Herod, ⁷ so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.⁸ Prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter.” ⁹ And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. ¹⁰ **He sent and had John beheaded in the prison,** ¹¹ and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. ¹² And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus.



Reputation

Challenge:

- What will people remember about me? The things I did or things I was good at or the ways I influenced them towards finding and following Jesus?
- Legacy grows - for good or bad

John the Baptist: A Model for Leadership

Jesus' Evaluation

Matthew 11:7- 15 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?"⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John,¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.



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Reputation

Messenger and servant of God

The Christ-centered leader keeps making Christ known the focus at every phase of leadership.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Where are you in the leadership cycle?*
- 2. What is the biggest challenge you face in regards to Christ-centered leadership at this phase?*
- 3. Identify one lesson from John the Baptist you want to remember and work on in your leadership.*
- 4. If some later today asked you to explain what you learned in this seminar what would you say?*

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Practical Suggestions



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