



JESUS THE HIGH ROAD LEADER

Following the Principles Jesus Modeled

HIGH ROAD LEADERS

- While it is crucial for all of us to vote based on our Biblical convictions, it is more important for us to treat each other the way that Jesus would.
- We are going to follow the example of Jesus and the principles that He lived out.
- John Maxwell wrote a book called [High Road Leadership](#) and then asked Pastor Chris to co-author another book with him about how Jesus modeled these principles better than anyone, called [Jesus, The High Road Leader](#).
 - Watch podcast episode 56 with John Maxwell about *High Road Leadership* [here](#).

“We cannot be a part of the division; we need to bring people together and represent Christ.” - *Chris Hodges*

LEAD LIKE JESUS

- People are hungry for the principles that Jesus lived out, and if we embody that, they will be drawn to us and the church.
- Similar to Jesus, Daniel lived by principles in a pagan civilization and still had influence in it!
- That is how you will know you are getting it right: you are following and living by scripture, and the world is attracted to you.
- If you want to grow your church, take on the values of Jesus and watch how attracted they are to your church!

“The goal isn’t to be right. The goal is to be effective.” - *Chris Hodges*

ATTRACTIVE SPIRITUALITY

- In a recent Sunday message, Pastor Chris shared the importance of sharing your faith and having an attractive spirituality. You can listen to that message [here](#).
 - We are God’s ambassadors and need to share our faith with others.
 - Like Pastor Chris when he met the Jewish man, we can meet people where they are, share the hope that we have, and how they can have that hope through Jesus.
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- God uses moments that we might consider interruptions, to witness and share the hope that we have with those around us!

“Let our life be so attractive that people who know us but don’t know God, will want to know God because they know us.” - *Chris Hodges*

VALUE PEOPLE

- We have to value people...all of them.
- To test this for yourself, think of someone that you really do not like, even if you have legitimate reasons not to, and ask if you still value them.
- We can disagree with a person or group and still speak well of them.

“We don’t have to be like them, but we do have to like them.” - *Chris Hodges*

ENTER THEIR WORLD

- Like Jesus and Paul, we need to enter into people’s world without becoming part of it.
- 1 Corinthians 9 shares how Paul was famous for being able to live like the people he was around in order to reach them.
- Paul could appeal to and compliment people while inviting them into our world.
- We have the words of life and the truth, and truth doesn’t condemn someone, it sets them free!

“We don’t have to agree with them, but we do need to try to understand them.” - *Chris Hodges*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

See the next pages for Discussion Questions that will help you and your team get the most out of this episode!

EPISODE RESOURCES

- [Bulk Orders: Jesus, the High Road Leader](#)
- [Highlands Resources: Growth Track](#)
- [GrowLeader Regionals](#)
- [Previous Episodes + Show Notes](#)
- [Free Church Resources](#)
- [The Wesleyan Investment Foundation](#)
- [StudioC](#)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Keep growing to reach your full potential by asking yourself and your team these questions:

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- 1. How do you balance standing firm in your Biblical convictions while also treating others with the love and grace that Jesus modeled?

- 2. What practical steps can you take to ensure your actions and words align with this approach?

LEAD LIKE JESUS

- 1. What are some specific ways you can embody the principles of Jesus in your daily life to make your faith more attractive to others?

- 2. How can your church adopt the values of Jesus to grow and have a greater impact on your community? What changes might need to be made to align more closely with these values?



ATTRACTIVE SPIRITUALITY

- 1. What does it mean to have an “attractive spirituality”? How can you develop a faith that naturally draws others to want to know more about Jesus?

- 2. How do you approach conversations about faith with people who may not share your beliefs? What can you do to make these conversations more inviting and less confrontational?

VALUE PEOPLE

- 1. Think of someone you find difficult to like. How can you still show value and respect to that person despite your differences or disagreements?

- 2. How can your church cultivate an environment where every person feels valued and respected, even if their views differ from the majority?



ENTER THEIR WORLD

- 1. How can you practice “entering someone’s world” without compromising your own beliefs?

- 2. What are some strategies you can use to connect with people who have different perspectives?

- 3. Reflect on the example of Paul in 1 Corinthians 9. How can you adopt a similar approach to engage with others in meaningful ways, understanding their world while inviting them into yours?
