

Lesson 0219

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Instructions: As Christians, we are called to be leaders. You might say we are reborn to be leaders. We are the head and not the tail with a ministry of reconciliation. This reconciliation is not the salesmanship we understand as evangelism but the building up the Body of Christ that produces healthy Christians who are fruitful and multiplying after their own kind. This is our original calling. To accomplish this goal, we must be willing to make an impact in our community instead of simply defending ourselves against an enemy that is never satisfied.

Discussion 1: “If it’s not your fault you can’t fix it.” When New Name requires its men to be held accountable, it is often seen as something negative, a destroyer of self-esteem, a stepping on the neck of grown men. No man can meet his God-given potential until he is empowered to do so. Issues in our life will never get fixed until we take personal ownership. New Name requires accountability in order to empower its men to overcome the issues in and around their lives.

Drill Down 1:

- Share a time in your life when something in your life was not going right and you looked outside of yourself (like fixing someone else or changing your environment) for a solution. How did that work out for you?

- Share a time while at New Name and things in the home were not going right and you avoided the issue. How did that work out for your home?

- Share a time while at New Name and things in the home were not going right and you took personal ownership (even if you were not personally involved) so you could be part of the solution. How did that work out for your home? (If you have never done this, take the next opportunity to step up and do the right thing.)

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Discussion 2: In order to protect the sheep, we must be knowledgeable about what is going on around us. Sometimes it takes effort and inconvenience to do what is necessary to love the sheep. This is not about getting nosy about others' personal relationship issues but instead it is about learning more about history, social science, technology, or mechanics in order to be a better servant even if these are not your favorite subjects.

Drill Down 2:

- Share a current situation in your life where if you increased your knowledge about the situation, it might also increase your ability to protect or serve those around you.

- What area of knowledge would you need to increase?

- How might this increase in knowledge help you to serve others better?

- Increase your knowledge in this area and use it to serve others. How did this work for you? If you are not sure how to increase your knowledge in this area, contact the Director of Administration for guidance.

Post Class Instructions: The enemy is always lurking around seeking someone to destroy. Without sheepdogs, the enemy will destroy the sheep. If we have a heart for the sheep, we will allow the sheepdog in each of us to manifest himself. You are invited to take ownership of unhealthy situations in your home (even if you are not personally involved) so you can be empowered to be part of the solution.