

Jethro Gives Some Advice

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Bible Passage: Exodus 17:8-18:26

Big Idea: God uses people to create an environment for people to flourish. It's good _____ that takes us there.

#1-A leader that helps create an environment for human flourishing will change their _____ to fit the current circumstances (Exodus 18:1-18)

#2-A leader that helps create an environment that flourishes will _____ the people (Exodus 18:19-20)

- _____ for God's people. v.19
- _____ them what to do. v.20
- _____ them what to do. v.20

#3-A leader that helps create an environment that flourishes will build a _____ (Exodus 18:21)

- Understand the concept of "_____":
 - Leadership is the capacity to rally many people around a common purpose.
- Pick a team that is _____:
 - "_____ " – one whose way is firm, strength of mind or spirit that enables a person to encounter danger with firmness or valor.
 - "_____ God" - a heart posture that lives from a place of reverence toward God.
 - "_____ " – a state or condition of being dependable and loyal.
 - "_____ a bribe" – giving evidence of integrity and justice in leadership and decision-making.
- Organize them in manageable _____
- Choose qualified people to _____ those groups

#4-A leader that helps create an environment that flourishes will _____ & _____ the team (Exodus 18:22)

#5-A leader that helps create an environment that flourishes will put godly advice into practice and see the _____ of God's plan for leadership (Exodus 18:23-26)

- You will be _____ by God (v. 23a)
 - "If you do this, God will direct you,"
- You will not burn out but you will be able to _____ (v.23b)
 - "If you do this, God will direct you,"
- The people will be _____ (v.23c)
 - "and all this people also will go to their place in peace."

TRUTH INTO ACTION

- Like Jethro, **make much of God's faithfulness in your words and your behavior.**
- Like Moses, **pursue humility and be open to wise counsel and put it into practice.**
- Learn from Jethro & Moses, **work together, share the vision and see the blessing of God.**

Fighter Memory Verse --MAY

Romans 11:33-36

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Resources:

PDF of the Tyranny of the Urgent :

https://crossbridgediscipleshipschool.weebly.com/uploads/7/8/2/3/78234118/tyranny_of_the_urgent.pdf

Significance of the Mountain of God: <https://www.gotquestions.org/mount-Horeb.html>

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk:

This lesson is a follow up to the sermon. Please take the time this week to work through it in your community group or around your own kitchen table.

Warm Up: Share a time when you felt overwhelmed by responsibilities. How did you handle it, and what did you learn?

1. vv. 1-12, What does Jethro's reaction to Moses' recount of God's works teach us about acknowledging God's power?

2. v. 13, How did Moses' humility contribute to his acceptance of Jethro's advice?

3. v. 21, What qualities did Jethro suggest looking for in the leaders Moses should appoint? How can we use these criteria in selecting leaders today?

4. vv. 22-23, How does the principle of delegation promote peace and harmony in a community?

5. Read the following verses and summarize the truth about getting wise advice:

- Proverbs 19:20
- Proverbs 3:12
- Isaiah 30:1
- Proverbs 12:15
- Proverbs 15:31-33
- Ecclesiastes 4:13
- Proverbs 16:22
- Proverbs 11:14
- 1 Corinthians 4:14
- Jeremiah 38:15
- Proverbs 12:5
- Proverbs 13:10
- Proverbs 9:7-9

5. Read ***Tyranny of the Urgent*** and discuss it as a group.

Prayer: Father God, I acknowledge that You are the wisest being in the universe...I am not. Teach me to know Your ways, make my soul hungry for Your ways. Give me a humble heart and surround me with people who are worship-filled, humble in heart and wise like Jethro. In the sweet name of Jesus I pray, AMEN!