

New Leadership

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Intro

BECAUSE OF CHRISTMAS, EVERYTHING IS IMPROVED AND ABOUT TO BE MADE NEW.

WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THE GREAT LEADER SINCE THE BEGINNING.

- Romans 1:21–23

GOD PROMISED A LEADER.

- Genesis 3:15
- Deuteronomy 18:15
- Isaiah 7:10–14
- Isaiah 9:1–7
- Matthew 1:18–25

JESUS IS THE LEADER WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR.

- John 1:11
- Jesus is the perfect leader with character.
- Jesus is the perfect leader as the perfect champion.
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

WE DON'T NEED TO PUT OUR TOTAL TRUST IN EARTHLY LEADERS.

- 1 Timothy 6:14–16

DON'T BE ASHAMED TO FOLLOW AND CELEBRATE YOUR CHAMPION!

sermon discussion

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Who is the best leader or boss that you ever had? What were some of the qualities that you most appreciated?
2. What would you say are characteristics of great leaders? How does Jesus fulfill some or all of those?
3. **Read Isaiah 9:1-7.** Based on this passage, what do you think some of the expectations would have been for who the Messiah would have been or what he would do? Which of those expectations did Jesus fit, and which did he not?
4. **Read Matthew 1:18-25.** What catches your attention most in this very familiar account of the birth of Jesus?
5. What do you learn about Joseph from these verses? According to verses 20-21, what responsibilities did the angel give Joseph? How would it cost Joseph something of himself to do what was asked of him?
6. What are some of the reasons people follow a boss or a leader? Do you think people follow Jesus for any of those same reasons?
7. **Read 1 Timothy 6:14-16, 2 Corinthians 5:21, and Colossians 2:13-15.** The more you savor and understand all that Jesus has accomplished and promised to you, the greater the response that it calls forth. Some of the ways that we can respond is by singing of Him, making art about Him, giving to His cause, living for His name, telling others about Him, and inviting others to come to know Him. Which one of those actions (or come up with your own) do you think you most need to do in response to all that Jesus has accomplished and promised to you?

PRAYER

MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. **2 Corinthians 5:21**