



Sermon  
Discussion  
Guide

Sunday, September 15, 2024

# Identity Check

## Who Am I As a Leader?

### Read/Reflect

1. Read II Corinthians 13. What, do you gather, were the expectations for leadership within the Corinthian church? See also II Cor. 10 & 11.
2. What, according to Paul, were the Corinthian Christians missing by longing for a more impressive leader (see especially 13:5-10)?
3. What kind of principle might you glean from Paul's defense of his leadership in verses 3-4?

### Explore

4. What best characterizes Christian leadership?

<input type="checkbox"/> Efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/> Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Authority
<input type="checkbox"/> Love	<input type="checkbox"/> Trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Meekness
<input type="checkbox"/> Relevance	<input type="checkbox"/> Power	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
5. How can any of the traits you've listed in #3 become distorted or idolized in leadership? What false expectations do we place on leaders?
6. Henri Nouwen, in his essay on Christian leadership, suggests that relevance, the spectacular, and power defined the temptations Jesus faced (see Matthew 4:1-11). How might these temptations shape our leadership expectations?

### Pray

- Pray that God may equip you for leadership in whatever areas he calls you to serve.
- Pray for leaders over you, "examining yourself to see whether you are in the faith..." (verse 5).
- Pray a blessing (see verse 14) over one another (or yourself if alone) as you minister in leadership.