P R E P A R E M O D U L E #4 - Back to You . . . Lifelong Student

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COMPETENCY: Reinforce the importance of personal growth and understand how JHM/HSM supports leaders when they hit a tough season in life and ministry.

OBJECTIVE: The best leader is one who is personally growing! Leading by example in this area is more meaningful than leading with our words. Students will emulate the leaders in their lives, which is why it is important to be growth minded and quick to lean into God, and ministry support, in tough seasons to model a wise and repentant heart.

ASSIGNMENTS:

- Assignment #1 // Read scripture passages below and answer the questions.
- Assignment #2 // Reflect on this past weekend's message at JHM and/or HSM and answer the following questions.
- Assignment #3 // Read "Addressing a Leader's Sin Issue" Blog Article By *Seth Widner* and answer the following questions.
- Assignment #4 // Reflect on two new ways you can be growing as a leader.

ASSIGNMENT 1

Take a look at these passages that talk about the importance of growing personally, or as the Bible calls it, *sanctification*. Paul says if we are going to work out our salvation we must follow the model of Christ; He is the person we must seek to study and emulate. Also, Paul talks about another necessary step in the process of sanctification, that we must grow in obedience to God.

Hebrews 12:2-3

2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its

shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. 3 Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

Philippians 2:12
12 Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.

Philippians 3:10-12
10 I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, 11 so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! 12 I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me.

QUESTIONS:

1. *What does a healthy growth mindset look like in regards to our faith?*

2. *How can you intentionally look to the example of Jesus to grow?*

3. *Per Philippians 3:10-12, how can we partner with the "mighty power that raised Jesus from the dead" that lives in us to grow and acknowledge that we do not grow on our own?*

4. *How can you grow in obedience this week and ongoingly?*

ASSIGNMENT 2

Part of being intentional with our growth means we try our best to seek how we can learn from any sermon or lesson no matter the audience it was written for. If we are transformed by what we hear at JHM/HSM, it changes how we lead our groups during small group time in an incredible way. Think back to this past weekend's message at JHM or HSM, maybe refresh your memory by thinking back to the small group questions, discussions, or even re-watching the message on YouTube, and then answer these questions.

QUESTIONS:

1. *What was one part of the message you could apply to <u>your</u> life?*

2. *How can you have a growth mindset even when it comes to JHM/HSM messages (even though they are for teenagers)?*

3. *How does listening to these messages for YOUR LIFE in addition to your students' lives change the way you lead and teach during small group time?*

ASSIGNMENT 3

Sometimes in leadership we may go through a tough time or find ourselves in a tough battle with sin. Even though we are leaders we are also still human beings, and as human beings we all have a propensity towards sin. Part of growing as a person is realizing that sometimes we will need to lean on the support around us to help in seasons of struggle. The JHM/HSM team wants to come alongside in support to make sure you are a healthy leader in all areas! This blog shows our JHM/HSM staff members' hearts for how we desire to come alongside you in these seasons with care, encouragement, truth, and help. Read the article and answer the questions.

Small Groups

QUESTIONS:

1. *We are not expecting sin-free leaders! The reality is we all sin, so how do you know when you need some help?*

2. *How do you bring staff in? What are the benefits of bringing staff in to help?*

3. *How can you use the insights from the article and support in this area in relationships with your co-leaders and fellow believer friends?*

4. *In his kindness, God filled his Scriptures with stories of leaders who failed but didn't finish there, who crashed but didn't burn. These were men like Moses and David, Peter and the other disciples, whose maturity as leaders rose on a staircase made of failure. There are also men like Saul and Judas and Demas, leaders whose failures made their graves. What is the difference between these examples that result in very different outcomes? How can you orient your life so your failures can help you rise instead of fall?*

What are at least two LEADERSHIP TAKEAWAYS from this module? Be prepared to discuss with your group.

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