

Come to the Table

Session 2:
Gentle &
Lowly

To Follow...

Is to align to the vision & strategy of the leader.

Is to align to the character of the leader.

Is to detach from any vision & strategy & character that are not aligned to your leader.

Is to align with those who accompany us in the vision & strategy & character of the leader.

The Responsibility of Followers

- The responsibility and judgement of leaders and followers is NOT equal.
- God expects his people to be discerning about who they follow.
- Jesus is clear that, not only the message, but also the character of the messenger must align with him.

Traps for Followers

- Adopt the world's standards of strength
- Unholy desire to belong to a special class
- Seduced by polarizing rhetoric
- Join the a grandiose mission to defeat an outside (and often imaginary) enemy
- Feed off of the leaders self-certainty to fill their own sense of self

GENTLE & Lowly of Heart

mild, benevolent, humane

- I Thessalonians 2:7 – gently like a nursing mother
- I Timothy 3:3 – qualifications for church leaders
- James 3:17 – wisdom is gentle
- Proverbs 15:4 – gentle tongue is a tree of life

Gentle and **Lowly** of Heart

Meek, humble, modest, poor

- Philippians 2
 - Emptied himself
 - Non-exploitative
 - Servant
 - Obedient
 - Reputation and name in God's hands

Gentle and Lowly **OF HEART**

The heart is the seat of...

- Emotions
- Desires
- Affections
- Ambition
- Impulses

Gentle and Lowly Leadership

- Speech is direct, honest, toned, and normal (*not sensationalized*)
- Actions faithfully move toward the stated vision, strategy, and character of his Father (the leader)
- Impulse (first and natural reaction) is kind, compassionate, and clear
- Present to those who are lowly in station as well as heart