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Pitfalls of Leadership, Pt. 1 **Judges 8:1-9**

When God gives us success, our human tendency is to thank Him and then take it from there, leaning into our own strengths and looking to Him next time we need Him. Godly leaders _____ that tendency and stay behind Him even when they're winning.

Discussion 1. How do you combat the human tendency to only look to God when you need Him? What spiritual disciplines might help us stay tuned into God even when things are going well for us?

Being _____ with God and being _____ by people are two different things that sometimes overlap. Godly leaders do not confuse one for the other.

Discussion 2. What are some ways you might recognize if a leader is more interested in being liked by people than in being right with God? What's the difference between someone is liked by everyone and someone who shows evidence of fruit of the Spirit?

Because following Christ is a community endeavor, it will always include having to engage fellow image-bearers who are ignorant or fearful or even have bad intentions. The test for us, then, is how to _____ them and _____ them well.

Discussion 3. Loving other Christians who are ignorant or hateful or otherwise radically different from you is a challenge. It means changing how you see them. How does that work for you personally? Have you learned any ways to help you do that?

The respect we owe our leaders in the church is not based upon who they are nor on anything they have done; it is based upon who _____ is and everything _____ has done. Let's keep God's story about God.

Discussion 4. Why is it a dangerous thing to push our pastors and leaders toward celebrity status? What is it about us that makes us want that for our pastors/leaders?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?