Oakley Breakout Session: Leading Leaders Breakout

When leading leaders the strength of our leadership comes from multiplying through the leaders around us. The goal of this session is to know how Jesus led leaders from his Identity. In response to Jesus, his life and character, each person is invited to take a step of growth in their identity to multiply the leaders around them.

KNOW: Jesus led from his Identity

DO: Take a step of growth in your Identity to Multiply Leaders (disciple-makers on mission)

TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO REFLECT

Who are you? Make a list.

Who does God say you are? Jot down the first things that come to mind.

What does scripture say about who you are?

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you. Galatians 3:28-29 (NLT)

Do you notice any differences between your list and the truth of scripture?

TRUTH = God, the Father gives us a new IDENTITY when we choose to surrender our lives to him and follow him. All the other identities we latch on to have fallen away and are falling away.

You are part of God's family. A son, an heir w/an inheritance. You have eternal promises. You have the Holy Spirit in you...the one who raised Jesus from the dead. Just like Abraham you have a mission to be a blessing. You have power and authority. It's BIG. Exponential big. Stars in the sky are big. Sand on the seashore big. Generation upon generation is big. Eternal. Leading from our God-given identity results in authority and power and MULTIPLIES leaders around us.

So What?

Following Jesus and Leading like Jesus demands we look to him for how he lived in his identity. We have a promise that we are being made into the image of Jesus by his Spirit.

Jesus shows us how to lead from our Identity in authority and power to multiply leaders Jesus expressed his identity in 3 ways:

UP - Son to the Father- "this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased"- Mark 1:11

"He only does what he sees his Father doing." John 5:19

"He went out to the mountain to pray and all night he continued in prayer to God." Luke 6:12 (We are not orphans-he will not leave us or forsake us.)

IN - Spiritual Parent

"I and the Father are one." John 10:30

He chose the 12 disciples out of relationship with the Father. Luke 6:13-16 He parented them/they submitted to him.

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35

Many guardians but only one parent. 1 Cor 4:15

(We are to adopt others into our spiritual family & take responsibility for their future/vision for where they're going next)

OUT - Missionary

"The Son of Man came to seek and save that which was lost." Luke 19:10

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19

YOU ARE NOT that first list you wrote (if it doesn't include Son, Spiritual Parent and Missionary). Believing more deeply in who God says you are leads to fullness of life and fruitfulness and prevents you from burn out. When your leadership reflects the "why" of your identity you're transforming more into the image of Jesus. Otherwise, we catch ourselves going through the motions and detached from God. It's a process of tweaking, recalibratings "yeses" and "nos". When our focus is placed on Jesus and living like him, taking one step at a time to live like him overflows into our leadership of others.

TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO REFLECT

What is God speaking to you...

Which Identity do you feel strongest/weakest?

Which Identity is God is inviting you to deepen?

What are barriers or fears related to the next year's leadership?

- What are you working on today that you might not see the fruit of?
- Are you comfortable with your fruit being produced on someone else's tree?
- Is your greatest joy sending others to do the things you want to do?
- How are you motivated to action in your leadership because of the love, authority and power you have as a Son?
- How are you seeking and saving those who are lost without Jesus?

Jesus showed us how to lead from our Identity

Jesus was a Multiplier...he himself was a part of a multigenerational family from Adam---->Joseph The Bible makes a big deal out of genealogies!

God shows love to a thousand generations, those who love him and obey his commands (Exodus 20:6)

Living from your God-given identity means you embrace living to multiply disciple-makers through your network or neighborhood (your circles of influence/the life you are currently living)

Disciple-makers are people who are able to reproduce a generation of disciples of Jesus.

Take One Step to Lead Leaders like Jesus - Crossroads Tools/Leadership Experiences

- Son Jump School (multiple courses to grow in your Identity)
- Parent
 - Story Formed Life-trained leader-facilitator (spiritual foundation, training deeply formed disciples
 - Huddle (make disciple-makers)

Teaching Reps-Leadership 201 Or 3rd Saturday Leadership (teaching/training)

- Missionary
 - Go Puerto Rico Missional Accelerator Trip-August 1-8 Great opportunity for Neighborhood Teams of leaders: to grow together and deepen belief and skills...key belief shifts to fuel mission
 - RO 201 Feb. 29, 9-11am <u>keymonte.crooms@crossraods.net</u> Key for understanding how to change the world even when we're aren't GO-ing around the world
 - GO Local-focus on Identity over Task-leader