Discussion Guide

May 27-28, 2017

Extreme Influence: Integrity

What comes to your mind when you hear the word “integrity”?

What emotions do you associate with integrity?

Last week we said Love is the starting place for Influence

Why is integrity so important to influence?

How are trust and integrity related?

What is the relationship between Charisma and influence?

How is charisma a dangerous short cut?

Make a list of synonyms for Integrity?

Make a list of synonyms for Charisma?

Do you think Jesus had charisma? Why or why not?

How would Isaiah 53 influence your view of Jesus?

Why does God care so deeply about our integrity?

See Galatians 5:23-23

Who once had great influence in your life but lost it due to integrity and character?

How did it affect you? Are you still affected?

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-5

What comes to mind when you think of being above reproach?

Why is it a good thing to desire to be a church leader? What do leaders actually do?

What is the difference between being blameless and sinless?

Make a list from the passage of areas of life that need to be under control?

Do you think the behavior of one’s children should be grounds for someone not leading? Is there an age limit? How perfect do our kids need to be?

Is there another principle at work?

Do you think being above reproach is the same thing as being worthy of trust?

Doug talked about the wounds of the heart that come from “trust regret”.

What is trust regret? When have you tasted it?

How did it affect you?

Why is so much on the line when a spiritual leader has a lack of integrity?

Does that make you fearful to serve? Why or why not?

Review the Integrity Check Questions

1. Do I tell the truth?
2. Do I follow through?
3. Am I afraid I will be found out?
4. Am I the same person regardless of context?
5. Am I using others?
6. Am I aware of my faults, weaknesses, and temptations?
7. Am I living in forgiveness and grace?

Which of the questions do you think is the most important?

Which one scares you a little?

Which one do you wish you could email to someone you know?

Why is each one critical to integrity?

What do you think of the idea of giving this list to someone who knows you and asking them for feedback about how they see you?

Why is it critical to know that God is worthy of our trust?

Why is it critical to separate how we trust people (even pastors) from how we trust God?

Is there something that you need to do or just know better from this study?

Pray for each other!