



13/04/20 Acts 2:14-40

Charisma –

- Charisma is the ability to draw people to you or your cause

What are the traits of a Charismatic leader?

- Read Acts 2:14-40 & meditate on it

What made Peter charismatic?

- Confidence, Conviction - he knew where he was going and spoke straight from his heart, Connection - he focused on others & Compassion

Questions:

- how do you demonstrate charisma?
 - How do you attract other people to you?
- Build the following into your life;
- Love life - celebrate do not complain
 - Put 10 on everyone's forehead - expect the best of people
 - Give people hope - everyone looks for hope
 - Share yourself - be vulnerable and real. Share your heart, wisdom, and resources

14/04/20 John 20:11-18

Can the church still stand without women?

- Read John 20:11-18
- Have you ever wondered why it was Mary Magdalene who was at the tomb rather than the disciples?
- Growing up in Africa - I used to hear politicians say we need women on our side in order to win the election
- Women have intuition, creativity and influence. They think ahead when they are up to something in order to win

Questions:

- women - how are you using your gifts and creativity to bless and help others?
- Jesus appeared to Mary and said to her “go and tell others, I am ascending to my Father...(V17)
- When God speaks to you, do you carry out the instructions?

15/04/20 Acts 3:1-10 - Demonstrate

Immediately after Pentecost, the Christian movement Picked up steam
Peter & John encountered a lame man on their way to the temple. When the man was healed in the name of Jesus - they immediately gained credibility.

Questions:

- How did Peter & John walk the walk?
- What attracts you about their behaviour?
- If you were faced in the same situation, how would you respond today?
- When I was on a mission trip to Albania, a lame man came to me and said, "pray for me. I want to walk?"
- There are many today who want God to heal them

Notes: Acts 3 describes these early church leaders;

- Faithful - they did what they knew to do (V1)
- They stopped and sensitively addressed needs (V3)
- They had the courage to face problems (V4)
- Others anticipated receiving solutions from them (V5)
- They fearlessly used their God given authority (V6)
- They gained credibility through demonstration, not just proclamation (V9-10)

16/04/20 Acts 4:1-13 Courage: one person with courage is a majority

Questions:

- How are you displaying courage to keep trusting in God, in the midst of the corona virus?
- How would you responding to people who have no faith in Jesus - when they share their worries, thoughts and disbelief in Christ?
- In Acts 4, we see courage in the life of Peter and John. When asked about their ministry - Peter boldly asserts that the name of Jesus, not their talents healed the man (V10). What accounted for their boldness?
- What accounted for Peter and John's boldness is not education, but their experience with Jesus (V.13)

Faith in Christ requires courage to:

- Seek the truth - you never find yourself until you seek the truth
- Express conviction - conviction helps us to stand alone. The test of courage comes when we're in the minority
- Whatever you do, there will be someone thinking you're wrong. Have courage, explain your convictions in doing what you are doing
- Learn & grow. You have not learned until you step out, take risks, and do something new
- Lead others

17/04/20 John 21:1-17 - Success without a successor is a failure

- The law of legacy: success without a successor is a failure
- How much time are you investing in other people in order to disciple them? What are you doing to empower others to join you in the ministry you do at church - whether it is serving teas, setting up chairs or admin?
- How are you training your children to help with cooking? Or cleaning or emptying the bin? Those life skills are important.
- There is a danger of thinking that others are still young they can't do it, or the danger in thinking I will just do it, it will be quicker!
- What are you doing about it?

- Before he left earth for heaven, Jesus invested significant time in Simon Peter
- He wanted to help him recover from his sin the night he denied Jesus three times
- Christ intended to call Peter to minister and lead. He knew that his time was short
- Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved him. When Peter when Peter said yes, Christ called him to the natural response: "feed my lamb" (John 21:15)
- Love should motivate us to serve
- Jesus made his legacy dependent on Peter and the other disciples who picked up the baton and ran with it

Question: How are you leaving your legacy?

18/04/20 Mark16:1-19 Victory; Jesus' resurrection surprised everyone

Questions:

- In what ways do you see victory in the resurrection of Christ? And what does this mean for us as Christians?
- When Jesus rose from the dead, he gave his followers a potent hope to end every doubt about his Kingdom
- Jesus practised the law of victory and at least part of every Christians credibility comes from practising this law (even though no one can do it quite the way Jesus did it)

Look at Jesus' three-and-a-half-year ministry outlined in Mark. We can see him preparing to leave his legacy from the beginning:

- He chose twelve potential leaders to mentor (V13-19)
- He told them from the start, they too would be doing this (V17)
- He allowed them to witness and to participate in his miracles (V1-9)
- He worked with them, confirming their work and words (V19-20)

#How well do you work with others? Are you willing to lead and to be led?

- Jesus trained twelve men to reproduce his ministry. You can train others too!

19/04/20 - John 20:19-30 - Theme: Jesus gave his ministry away

Questions:

- How good are you at letting go through empowering others? If you were on holiday, can someone step up and play the organ? If you could not cook, can your children step up to cook? What are you doing to empower other people?
- Serving is not always about standing at the pulpit to preach - what are you good at? Start doing it and invest in those interested, so that when you leave or are away the program can still take place
- Jesus put his final touches on the empowerment of the 12 disciples and then turned them loose
- He breathed on them to receive the Holy Spirit (V22)

Some steps to take in order to mentor and empower others from the process Jesus used:

- Pray for conviction and vision and select a person or group from sphere of influence to mentor
- Spend time together to discuss expectations and goals & then cast vision to them for spiritual reproduction
- Ask for commitment to the program by Investing yourselves in each other
- Meet regularly to discuss and apply the truth you learn together
- Help them find a potential person to mentor
- Evaluate and launch them to try the process themselves