

## March 7, 2021 2 Corinthians 10:7-18

 Who is a historical or modern day authentic leader who has impressed you? What leadership qualities did they possess?

2. <u>Authentic leaders invite examination.</u> (vv. 7) How do you invite examination of your actions?

3. Authentic leaders use authority to build other up. (v. 8)

Discuss the following Pope Francis quote in Mark's sermon. What does it tell us about using our authority to build up others?

\*The more powerful you are, the more your actions will have an impact on people, the more responsible you are to act humbly. If you don't, your power will ruin you, and you will ruin the other. There is a saying in Argentina: 'Power is like drinking gin on an empty stomach.' You feel dizzy, you get drunk, you lose your balance, and you'll end up hurting yourself and those around you, if you don't connect your power with humility and tenderness. Through [Christ-like] humility and concrete love, on the other hand, power—the highest, the strongest one—becomes a service, a force for good."

- 4. <u>Authentic leaders rank character over competency.</u> (vv. 9-11) How do we resist the pull to value competency above character?
- 5. <u>Authentic leaders don't engage in fleshly comparisons.</u> (v.12) What does it look like for you to quietly seek God's approval instead of self-promotion?

6. <u>Authentic leaders limit themselves to the sphere of ministry God has given them</u> (vv.13-16) How might you refocus to reach those God has placed around you with the gospel of Jesus Christ?

7. <u>Authentic leaders boast in the Lord</u>. (vv.17-18) What makes boasting in the Lord unique from any other kind of boasting?

8. How does this passage's teaching on authentic leadership help you evaluate a leader in your life?

9. Which of the qualities of authentic leadership need more attention in your life and leadership? What is a practical next step to grow as an authentic leader you can share with your group?