



Courageous Leadership Discussion Questions

THE CONVERSATION

- In the episode, David, Nate, and Alan talk more deeply about the need for courageous leadership in a disciple-making community. In the opening, Nate shares a story of a group of people that were clearing a forest. They are working hard until one day one of them climbs up a tree only to discover that they are clearing the wrong forest. Relating that analogy into the life of your church, what would it look like to “climb the tree” to make sure you are in the right “forest” of disciple-making?
- One of the challenges before any group of leaders is to fall into a pattern of doing easier good work and avoid the more challenging good work that is needed. In your context of leadership, what would you say are some of the obstacles or barriers that prevent you or your team from moving toward the challenging great work?
- For us to lead courageously, we must have our identity rooted firmly in who Jesus is and what He has done. Using Ephesians 1-3 as a starting point, what are some of examples or characteristics of someone whose identity is “in Christ?”
- What are some the practical ways or habits that you as a leadership team can help remind each other of our identity as God’s chosen people and beloved children of our Heavenly Father in such a way that produces greater leadership courage?
- With this being the last episode of the podcast, assuming you listened to multiple episodes, please take a few moments to reflect on everything that you have worked through this year related to the Essentials. For you, what have been the most impactful? And what are the 1-2 things that will need to remind yourself of over the next several months?
 - Please wrap by planning for how you will continue to bring those 1-2 things in front of you. Then pray for one another and your church.