

## UNEXPECTED LEADERS Reading Plans

STEPHAN

### Day 1-

READ: **Acts 6:1-5**

REFLECT: Ways to identify talents in others by Bruce Kasanoff: (1) Really pay attention to others (2) Magnify the quietest voices (3) Mix things up by putting different people together (4) Look past your own biases

PRACTICE: Ask God to reveal to you one person who you can identify as gifted by God and encourage them to use those gifts for Him.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: **1 Samuel 16: 1-13**

REFLECT: Most people do not know what they are naturally good at...Awakening people to their inherent strengths can be an eye-opener for many people. Eric Garner

PRACTICE: Ask people some of the following questions to help identify their hidden gifts: (1) What do you love doing? (2) What things do you look forward to doing? (3) What things do others say you do well? (4) What tasks have you done that had a positive affect?

### Day 2-

READ: **2 Timothy 1:6-7**

REFLECT: Chuck Yeagar said, "You don't concentrate on risks. You concentrate on results. No risk is too great to prevent the necessary job from getting done." This statement comes from a test pilot. What meaning would it have for a follower of Jesus?

PRACTICE: Consider what fear is holding you back from taking on great things for God. In prayer tell your heavenly Father that you want him to fill you with power.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: **Judges 6: 11-27**

REFLECT: "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." William Carey

PRACTICE: What area of your life do you need to attempt something great for God.

Day 3-

READ: Luke 12:11-22

REFLECT: "The eagle has no fear of adversity. We need to be like the eagle and have a fearless spirit of a conqueror." Joyce Meyer.

PRACTICE: Confess your need for God to give you the courage to share the gospel and the words to speak.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: **Acts 17:22-33**

REFLECT: "Boldness doesn't mean rude, obnoxious, loud, or disrespectful. Being bold is being firm, sure, confident, fearless, daring, strong, resilient, and not easily intimidated. It means you're willing to go where you've never been, willing to try what you've never tried, and willing to trust what you've never trusted. Boldness is quiet, not noisy." Mike Yoconelli.

PRACTICE: Paul shared the gospel in the Areopagus which was the center of learning and philosophy. Even the apostle Paul had many people make fun of him but some listened. Ask God to prepare your heart for both responses.

Day 4-

READ: **Matthew 28:18-20**

REFLECT: Jesus has personally sent you to share Christ with those around you and he promises to be with you.

PRACTICE: Look for an opportunity today to share with one person in your life how God has worked in you.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: **Acts 5:17-42**

REFLECT: "Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand the spines of others are often stiffened." Billy Graham

PRACTICE: Consider the faithful witness that you have seen in others. Thank your heavenly Father for those who shared Christ with you. Ask God to help you to share the gospel faithfully.

Day 5-

READ: **1 Peter 4:12-13**

REFLECT: "If we have faith, the believer cannot be restrained. He betrays himself. He breaks out. He confesses and teaches the gospel to people at the risk of life itself." Martin Luther

PRACTICE: Think about how marvelous it will be when you leave this life and are in Jesus presence knowing that you gave everything to follow Him.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: **Hebrews 12:1-4**

REFLECT: "Withhold no part of the precious truth, but speak what you know and declare what you have seen. Do not allow the toil or darkness or possible unbelief of your friends to dissuade you. Let us rise and March to the place of duty, and there declare what great things God has shown to our soul." Josh McDonald

PRACTICE: Hebrews 12:4 says that we should think about all Jesus suffered for us. Take some time to really meditate on what your salvation cost Him.