



Forum Lesson:

Appreciating Others

Discussion Guide



Discussion Questions

These questions are meant to facilitate discussion and application steps for you.

1. Think about a time when you felt undervalued or disrespected at work (like the opening story).
 - How did it affect your attitude, performance, or trust in leadership?
 - What would appreciation have looked like in that situation?
2. The message outlined five workplace relationships: customers, vendors, employers, peers/competitors, and employees.
 - Which group do you find most difficult to appreciate?
 - What makes that relationship challenging for you?
3. Unconventional leaders go beyond fairness...they actively care for others as Christ would.
 - What is one practical way you could demonstrate appreciation this week in your hardest relationship?
 - What might change in your workplace if you consistently led this way?

Forum Challenge:

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is within your power to act.”
— Proverbs 3:27

Choose ONE people group you struggle with most (customer, vendor, employer, peer/competitor, or employee).

This week:

- Pray for that person or group daily
- Take one intentional action that shows appreciation (encouragement, timely follow-through, service, listening, etc.)
- Be ready to share what happened at your next Forum Meeting



Going Deeper

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“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” — Luke 6:31

When we choose to treat every person (especially the difficult ones) as someone created in God's image, we begin to lead differently. Over time, this kind of leadership doesn't just improve relationships; it changes culture and reflects Christ in the workplace.

Choose one person you regularly interact with (especially someone challenging), and before every interaction:

- Pause and pray (10–15 seconds):
 - “God, help me see this person the way You do and treat them accordingly.”
- Act intentionally:
 - Do one thing that reflects Christlike appreciation (listen fully, encourage, serve, follow through, or show patience)
- Reflect afterward:
 - Ask yourself: Did I treat them the way I would treat Jesus in that moment?

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