

A man with a shaved head, wearing a light blue t-shirt and dark pants, is sitting on a rocky ledge. He is looking out over a vast, hazy mountain range with rolling hills and valleys. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

WEEK NINE

# INTRO

As men, we are called to be heads and leaders. One of the most defining characteristics of a man is whether he is a secure or insecure leader. Rarely does a leader's competence destroy his leadership. Instead, it's almost always a deficiency in their character. Insecure leaders are everywhere. Insecurities are directly connected to the Fall of man, the curse of man, the question that haunts every man, and man's imaginary crowns. In contrast to that, a secure leader is a rare and incredibly powerful force in his generation. Becoming a secure leader is deeply tied to trusting God over self.

As Noblemen, we must:

1. Continually remove our imaginary crowns.
2. Constantly transfer our trust from self to trust in God.
3. Recognize that our confidence is the Lord and in the Lord.
4. Allow our anger, anxiety, and depression to expose our idolatry.

*Noble Roots of a Leader*

# SESSION 11

# SESSION 11 VIDEO

## Secure and Insecure Roots



### Key Passage: Jeremiah 17:7-8

*Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.*

### Think and Discuss (5 Minutes)

What are some of your insecurities? How would your life look different if they weren't a part of your life?

What is your definition of a good leader?

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### Watch the video and take notes.

#### **FEAR IS AT THE ROOT OF MUCH OF A LEADER'S INSECURITIES.**

Men are afraid of being exposed as:

1. Illegitimate
2. Incompetent
3. Ignorant

Take a few minutes and review the Insecure Leaders List, and circle your top 5 insecurities.

#### **PRACTICAL WAYS TO TRANSFER YOUR TRUST IN SELF TO GOD**

##### **1. Abide Deeply**

- John 15:4

##### **2. Cling to God when hardship comes**

- Romans 5:3

##### **3. Let the fruit take you to the root**

### NOTES

# the INSECURE leader

{ everything to prove // everything to lose }

unable to admit weakness  
creates an environment of pressure not peace  
sneaky  
won't move forward unless guaranteed success  
controlling  
positions self for recognition  
pretentious  
poor objectivity  
paralyzed by fear of failure  
suspicious of others  
doesn't own personal mistakes or blame  
unable to think of others' development  
shallow relationships  
demanding  
kills creativity  
legalistic  
threatened by gifted people  
intimidates others  
unwilling to let others fail  
micromanages  
unteachable  
critical  
prone to anxiety

## Trust is rooted in self

This is what the Lord says: cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD.  
[Jeremiah 17:5]

**NOBLEMEN**

# the SECURE leader

{ nothing to prove // nothing to lose }

motivated and motivates, rather than driven and driving others  
role doesn't define identity  
surrounds self with leaders who are more gifted  
unselfish  
willing to move in fear  
creates high trust environments  
unhurried  
fosters a sense of wellbeing  
sacrifices for others  
open to critique  
lets others' strengths complement their weaknesses  
believes the best of others  
takes risks  
high objectivity  
lasting fruit  
free to delegate well  
fosters creativity  
team feels free to correct/disagree with them  
trusting  
strong relationships  
develops and recognizes others  
open handed with people

## Trust is rooted in God

But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the streams. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.  
[Jeremiah 17:7,8]



# Video Discussion in Small Groups



What hit you from this session?

Discuss your insecure fruits. What are your top five?

In what ways do you see your insecurities connected to the question that haunts every man?

In what ways do you see your insecurities connected to your imaginary crown?

What are some practical ways you can be transferring your trust from self to God?

It's been a few weeks since we talked about sexual purity. How are you doing? Is there anything you need to confess or want prayer for?

Pray

## WEEK NINE

# Session 11 Assignments



### LEARNING IN ACTION

- *CONNECT WITH YOUR NEW WINGMAN:*
  - Quote the verse for the week.
  - Quote the Creed from memory.
  - Share what stood out to you in the daily devotional time.
  - Let him know what he can pray for you.
- Interview a godly man over 60, write at least a two page summary paper, and turn in to your leader (see **Appendix B on page 122** for the interview questions).
- *NOBLEMEN DISCOVERY GROUP:* Begin leading your Noblemen Discovery Group

### BIBLE


- *DAILY BIBLE READING:* Read Ephesians 1-6 (page 94)
- *SCRIPTURE MEMORY:* there are printed memory verse cards on page 131.
  - This week's verse—Psalm 51:6
  - *EXTRA CREDIT VERSE*—Psalm 51:17

### CREED

- *DAILY CREED STUDY:* After finishing the book of Ephesians, begin the Creed Study Day 1 (page 95).

### TRACK YOUR PROGRESS

Keep track of your points by checking them off daily on the chart below and record them on the Google Sheet daily using the QR code below.

Use the QR code to add your updated score to this session of the Google Sheet. 	TRACK YOUR PROGRESS: WEEK 9							MARK EACH BOX WHEN COMPLETED
	DAILY READING	Ephesians 1	Ephesians 2	Ephesians 3	Ephesians 4	Ephesians 5	Ephesians 6	Creed Study Day 1
	DAILY WINGMAN							
WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS	Memorize Psalm 51:6	<i>EXTRA CREDIT:</i> Memorize Psalm 51:17	Attend session	Start your Noblemen Discovery Group	Interview a Godly man over 60 and write a summary ( <b>Appendix B</b> )	Approved extra credit		
POINT DEDUCTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS (D=Daily, W=Weekly): D - Miss a daily reading (-1 point) D - Miss Wingman call (-1 point) W - Miss memorizing verse by meeting (-1 point) W - Can't quote Creed portions by meeting (-2 points) W - Missing or imperfect weekly assignments (-10 points) W - Miss a session (-20 points)								

# Daily Bible Reading



**IMPORTANT:** Read one chapter of Proverbs and Mark a day. Answer the questions below.

## EPHESIANS 1

What struck you?

What did you learn about God, mankind, or yourself?

Is there anything that God is prompting you to apply?

## EPHESIANS 2

What struck you?

What did you learn about God, mankind, or yourself?

Is there anything that God is prompting you to apply?

## EPHESIANS 3

What struck you?

What did you learn about God, mankind, or yourself?

Is there anything that God is prompting you to apply?

## EPHESIANS 4

What struck you?

What did you learn about God, mankind, or yourself?

Is there anything that God is prompting you to apply?

## EPHESIANS 5

What struck you?

What did you learn about God, mankind, or yourself?

Is there anything that God is prompting you to apply?

## EPHESIANS 6

What struck you?

What did you learn about God, mankind, or yourself?

Is there anything that God is prompting you to apply?



# THE CREED STUDY: Day 1

*As as Nobleman I belong wholly to Jesus Christ  
who gives my Noble identity.*



## VERSES ON NOBLE IDENTITY

- Isaiah 61:10
- John 1:12
- John 10:28
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

What does it mean to be a child of God?

What does it mean to live as a child of God?

Based on the previous verses, how could you actively live out of your Noble identity instead of trying to earn a Noble identity?