

Nation Building

How To Awaken the Selfless Leader in You

AT A GLANCE:

The title of the talk series is Nation Building: How To Awaken the Selfless Leader in You because it tackles an important issue: our role as citizens in making our country a better place for us and the generations to come. The role, as the sub-title of the talk hints, is for every citizen to be a selfless leader. Our battle cry: If you want to change this country, change your heart.

AFTER THE SERIES:

The talk series will make you reflect on your life and resolve to be a better person, to be a selfless, not selfish person. We can build a better nation if we are selfless persons. If we have enough selfless leaders—in families, in business, in schools, in church, in the government—this country will change.

Talk 1: “Choose a Leader”

WHAT IT’S ALL ABOUT:

Talk 1 is titled Choose a Leader because it points out how to discern what kind of leader a country really needs. What we need is a leader who is moved to sacrifice his own needs for the country. The big question is: How do you transform selfish persons into selfless leaders? The only solution is a change of heart.

I. REVIEW THE KEY BIBLE VERSES:

Review the story of Samuel, the last Judge who ruled Israel. Prior to him, there were 14 Judges, spanning some 400 years, and after Samuel, the reign of the kings began.

Samuel’s life is not-so-perfect: *In his old age Samuel appointed his sons judges over Israel. 2 His firstborn was named Joel, his second son, Abijah; they judged at Beer-sheba. 3 His sons did not follow his example, but looked to their own gain, accepting bribes and perverting justice.* (1 Samuel 8:1-3 NABRE)

Point out that Samuel’s story, even after 3,000 years, still happens today. Look at some very successful pastors, professionals, and politicians. Some are so busy with God’s bigger vineyard (called ministry or company or country), they don’t have time for God’s smaller vineyard (called family).

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God does heart transplants. He says, *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.* (Ezekiel 36:26 NIV)

How could a godly man like Samuel raise ungodly children?

Answer: You can’t blame everything on the parents. Because kids make their own decision. Every human being is responsible for his choices. And yet, here’s a second answer: *You can’t blame everything on the kids either.*

Remind members: In the past century, historians like Edward Gibbons, Christopher Dawson, Carle Zimmerman have asked the question, “Why do entire civilizations fail?” And through careful research, they were able to trace the failure of a society to the failure of family life.

As early as the 1st century AD, Seneca, Roman philosopher, was already warning about the fall of the Roman empire. At that time,



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