



Business Leadership Group Discussion & Application Guide

Dr. Barry Corey, Living in Tents -Session 1 of 3

Dr. Corey [DBC, as he’s affectionately called by his students] explains that he has developed a strong push back on books with “titles that include numbers.” Some of the examples he cites offer prescriptive models to leadership. Although Abraham was very successful, little about his life fits the normal success equations of our day.

Do you ever relate to Abraham the nomad, in terms of his faith journey?—his life journey? [see Heb 11:8-9]

Recognizing Hebrews 11 by its popular title as “God’s Hall of Fame of Faith,” it’s noteworthy that God’s brief entry focused much on Abraham’s faithfulness in the face of uncertainty. Do you see correlations between life’s uncertainties and your faith walk? [Explain]

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2. Can I commit to a schedule to implement this application? [explain and discuss with the group, if necessary]

Comment:

3. Will I share with others the outcomes following implementation?



**Development Objectives:
Life, Leadership,
Excellence, Kingdom**

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Dr. Corey’s [DBC’s] story takes an interesting turn when Patton, a college student, heard of DBC’s cross-country road trip with his son, prompting Patton to call his own Dad and suggest the same. His son seemed to wake up to the life-significance of the trip. Have you ever experienced a similar experience with your Dad? Have you or should you do something like that with your child[ren]?

DBC’s son later verbalized extreme trepidation at the uncertainty of a cross-country move to a new city and a new set of friends. Do you think the same conversation would have been spoken [or heard] if the trip didn’t take place?

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3. How will I measure or evaluate the impact of these changes in my business or personal life?
4. When will I implement? ____/____/____

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Dr. Corey [DBC] describes a process that he calls “Life in Tents.” The process takes several days living in the wilderness, when he gathers with a circle of guys who share their stories, one by one. Each story is not finished until at least three profound questions have been asked by the group of each participant. DBC said that he has come to believe that this time each year is the true reason that he was made President of Biola. DBC goes on to introduce Jose Anaya as a great example of the stories he encounters. Have you ever had an experience like Life in Tents? Would you be open to doing so with some future business leaders like Jose? <Be sure to visit FCCI’s website: <http://www.fcci.org/fellows-ministry>]

DBC suggested that his best three takeaways were:1. Enlarge your soul, not your role. 2. Invest in people, more-so than programs. 3. Certainty isn’t the antidote to uncertainty, the antidote is confidence. [Phil 1:6] Does the last statement resonate with you, or leave you with reservations?

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