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building the disciplines of faithful leaders

January 21, 2017

Name: _____

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DUE: February 4, 2017

Before you begin your homework, take some time to pray and direct your heart and mind towards God and His Word. Ask God for help in submitting your life and thoughts to His word that you might draw near to Him in this time. Ask Him to increase your desire to know and love and obey Him.

LOOKING BACK...

Look back at your notes from January 21 (D2 - Marriage). Reflect on Ecclesiastes 9:9 and consider the great gift that marriage is in a broken world. Consider the great gift that YOUR marriage is in a broken world. Write down 20 things for which are thankful to God in your marriage.

LOOKING DAY BY DAY...

Take a few minutes to reflect on your conversations at home over the past two weeks. What have you done well? What have you not done so well?

LOOKING AHEAD...

How would you like to improve your love for those closest to you, specifically with regard to your communication?

D2: The Home. Please refer to the worksheet from January 21, 2017. Listen to the audio if you missed the class.

Considering the high privilege and sweet gift of marriage:

Q1: How often do you express your gratitude to God and to your wife for your marriage? If you are not married, how are you expressing your gratitude to God for the opportunities your singleness affords? How are you expressing gratitude for other relationships in your life? And if you are preparing for marriage, how diligent are you in preparing yourself to be the right kind of husband?

Considering the task of love:

Q2: What will it look like in your life to consider others as more important than yourself? What real-life steps are you taking to empty yourself for the benefit of others?

Considering love in communication:

Q3: Do your words regularly communicate biblical, selfless, Christ-like love? Do those closest to you FEEL loved by the ways you communicate? Ask them.

Considering the temptation to “polarize” a conversation:

Q4: On what topics are you most likely to polarize a conversation? What might it look like to prefer another in conversations where you don't see eye-to-eye? What might it look like in your life to be selfless in a conversation?