

I. Example

1. Why didn't God phone it in?
2. If you want it done right... (the divine mentor, 1 Pet 2:21-22)
3. Jesus is a flawless example

II. Example of Selfless Suffering

1. Ever heard the phrase: "Look out for number one!"

BTM 02-3 Discussion Questions

1. In what ways is "Example" superior to "Instruction"? In what ways has an example been important in your development? (positively or negatively)
2. How does God stepping into human history as a divine mentor (Jesus) set Christianity apart from other religious claims?
3. Are you hesitant to endorse Christian leaders? If so why? How does the failing of Christian leadership continually redirect the source of our confidence?
4. Most people don't overtly endorse selfishness (even if they live that way), why do most humans work to hide or mask their self-interest?
5. How did Jesus respond to insults, abuse, and suffering? (1 Pet 2:23) In what way is this an example to us? (Put feet on it, how can you live like this?)

2. Pride... not all it's cracked up to be (v.23)

3. Ask yourself: "What if I was less concerned about me?"

4. Suffering injustice is not the final outcome (2 Pet 3:10-15)

III. Example in Sacrifice

1. What is sacrifice? (2 Sam 24:24, John 15:13, Rom 5:6-8)
2. Unjust suffering is ugly and beautiful (1 Pet 2:24-25)

6. Being a disciple of the Christ seems to promise suffering, insults, and injustice. Do you think of these things as normal for a Christian? If not why not?
7. How can a Christian rest and be at peace even in the midst of suffering?