

Mission Driven

Challenge: Many people go through life only to get to the end and realize they have nothing to show for. Without a mission, it is easy to lose perspective on what truly matters. Having a mission will help you think beyond the moment. A missional leader will establish an inspiring and meaningful goal they are willing to passionately pursue.

Do you have a cruise ship or a battleship mentality? The way you answer the question makes a difference in how you carry yourselves, live your life, and execute your responsibilities. Those with a cruise ship mentality just want to have a good time and have their needs catered to. There is typically a lot of complaining but little action. If things aren't going well there is no courage to make the necessary changes. It's somebody else's job, not theirs.

Those with a battleship mindset believe in what they are fighting for, destinations worth striving for, and enemies' worth conquering. The battleship mentality deeply respects those in authority positions and stays on mission during the highs and lows. There is not a lot of idle chatter or complaining. The soldiers are battle ready and aware of what's at stake. They are clear as to their role and responsibility and faithful to follow through.

Questions to consider:

How do you find your mission?

What am I passionate about?

What would I do if money didn't matter?

What makes you mad and/or sad?

What's going on: On His way to Jerusalem (Luke 18:31-34), Jesus tells His disciples that He will fulfill prophecy (His Mission) by being rejected, put to death, and resurrected. On His way, Jesus heals a blind man and word spreads and crowds gather in the city of Jericho. The crowd enthusiastically receives Jesus until He meets and greets Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

Game Time: Luke 19:1-10

1. What would cause a grown man to run and climb a tree to see Jesus?
2. What type of person (character) was Zacchaeus and how did others view Zacchaeus?
3. Why do you think Zacchaeus life was different after spending time with Jesus?
4. What was Jesus' mission?

5. What were the different responses to Jesus' mission?
6. How can reaching out to others change their life or your team's current culture?

Key Verse: *"...to seek and to save that which was lost"—Luke 19:10*

Anchor to remember (Took) (3-5 Key Points):

- Live with a purpose that is bigger than you