

## Chapter 7

Read Chapter 7 (pages 119-134). With other leaders in your church, discuss the following:

1. Think of any leader you've known (in or outside of church) who demonstrated arrogance and generally avoided admitting any wrong-doing. Without naming the person, discuss the following:
  - a. How did that person communicate he or she was a strong leader?
  - b. How did those under this person's leadership view him or her?
  - c. How approachable was this person?
  - d. How did that person's leadership affect the culture of the organization?
2. Think of any leader you've known (in or outside of church) who exemplified humility through admitting his or her own faults and demonstrated compassion with a forgiving spirit when addressing others' failures.
  - a. How did that person communicate he or she was a strong leader?
  - b. How did those under this person's leadership view him or her?
  - c. How approachable was this person?
  - d. How did that person's leadership affect the culture of the organization?
3. Think of someone you respect for his or her spiritual maturity. Explain why you view this person as spiritually mature.
  - a. How does this person exhibit humility?
  - b. How does this person demonstrate compassion and forgiveness?

- c. How well does this person reflect knowledge in Scripture?
  - d. What other characteristics reveal this person's mature faith in Christ?
4. Describe a situation from your experience where a fix-it mentality failed to be helpful. What would have made a positive difference?
  5. How might improving people's participation in the study of God's Word impact your own congregation?
  6. Discuss with other leaders any insights you gained from this chapter as they might relate to your church.