

HOW THE BEST LEADERS THINK

THINK INSPIRATION

The best leaders don't just think about motivating their teams. The best leaders work to inspire. What's the difference? Motivation is an external force moving someone forward. Inspiration comes from within.

Our goal isn't to motivate leaders. Our goal isn't just to find self-motivated leaders. Our goal is to **inspire self-motivated leaders toward a world-changing mission.**

All you need is one or two well-developed strengths to inspire the people you lead. And the best way to inspire others is to be inspired yourself.

We all want to motivate and inspire. Most leaders use those words interchangeably, but the best leaders don't do this. The best leaders know the difference and seek to inspire their teams. -Craig Groeschel

- Motivation - requires external motivation
- Inspiration - inside spirit motivation.
- Motivation pushes. Inspiration pulls.
- Inspirational leadership comes in many shapes and sizes.
 - Optimism inspires
 - Humility in leadership inspires
 - Generous with recognition inspires
 - Setting the tone inspires

The most inspiring quality is a leader who is centered - fully engaged. The most inspiring quality it to stay inspired yourself- Craig Groeschel.

2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; **3** not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. **4** And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. **1 PETER 5:2-4**

26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, **27** and whoever wants to be first must be your slave — **28** just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." **MATTHEW 20:26-28**



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NOW, LET'S START THINKING:

Here are exercises you can do to grow as a leader—ask yourself and your team these questions:

1. In the video, we discussed [a study that listed 33 attributes that regularly inspire others to action](#). In Session 3, you asked yourself and others to identify your strengths. How can you use those strengths to *inspire others*?

2. Take a look back on everything you've learned during the last five video sessions. Pay close attention to what you've written down personally. Take a few minutes to put together a plan to keep growing, and make sure to answer these two questions:

What steps will I take to commit to change my thinking?

With my new mindset, how will I take action?

