

## **Leaders Set the Standard**

### **Ready:**

“And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.” Mark 12:30

### **Set**

Coaches are leaders. They lift up players and other coaches. Their hard work, in turn, inspires fans and all invested in the game. Even if you're not necessarily a clipboard-holding, headset-wearing, sidelines-sitting coach, it's likely that you're a leader in another way. Maybe you lead your family or a team at work. Perhaps you're seen as a leader in your neighborhood, club or church. As an FCA supporter, we see you as one of our leaders. You help make our ministry possible. As Christians, we're all leaders. In 2 Corinthians 5:20, we are deemed “Christ's ambassadors.”

As we know and grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ, we lead others to do the same.

This year, FCA is challenging coaches and athletes to give 100 percent to Christ. Not only does this mean making a faith decision to follow Jesus; it also means giving all of life to Him in such a way that Christ becomes the standard. While others may hold great influence, Jesus Christ defines success. He alone is our win. This is the standard of a Christ-following leader. Others will follow Christ because we live our lives according to His standard.

How do we know we're on the right track? We model the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23), and we give Him our all in doing so. Out of every voice wanting to set measures of success for us, we let Christ's be the only one.

### **Go**

1. Who looks to you for leadership?
2. Who has influenced your standard?
3. What does living with “a standard of Christ” look like in your life?
4. What needs to change so Christ gets 100 percent of you?

### **Workout**

Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Corinthians 5:20

**Bible Reference:**

Mark 12:30

Galatians 5:22-23

2 Corinthians 5:20



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