



Life Story – Part 7: Pastor Layne Schranz
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Review It

In this series we are discovering some keys to life. Through guest speakers, we are learning what our life story is and how we can use our story to bless others.

Talk About It

1. While we may have been fortunate to have others sow seeds of influence in our lives, some of us have known sowers who have let us down. Describe a time when you were able to forgive an influential person for his/her failings. How were you able to forgive the sower and focus on the value and power of the seed?
2. Pastor Bob Hoskins told Pastor Layne that the power is not in the sower but the seed. Describe a time when God has used you to plant seeds in others that have flourished beyond your human influence or power.
3. Recall the story Pastor Layne told of how he was influenced by Pastor Chris as a youth—and in turn, he sowed into Pastor Blake Lindsay who planted seeds of hope in Troy, an “accidental” visitor to Highlands Riverchase on his way to take his own life. Describe a similar chain of influence in your own life.
4. Pastor Larry Stockstill said that just as people will perish without vision; it’s also true that vision will perish without people. So, the power is in the seed (or the vision), but the sower also has a responsibility to spread it. What responsibility do you have as a sower in your own sphere of influence?

5. One person may plant and another one waters, but God ultimately causes the growth. Describe occasions when you played the part of the planter, the waterer or the one who ultimately grew.

Think About It

As Pastor Layne said, “Shame on us for giving a human credit for something God did.” Have you placed anyone on a pedestal, when God deserves the credit for the things you admire? Or, have you allowed others to put you on a pedestal? In what way do you need to gain a proper self-perspective?

Act on It

List three people who have sown into your life, and make a point this week to express your gratitude. Next, list three people whom you can influence with seeds of life and hope. Commit to find creative ways to do this, this week.