

Craig Groeschel: The Summit Value of Mutual Respect (2:42)

If you've ever been to a Global Leadership Summit before you know that one of our top values is the value of humility. What do we know? Leaders can learn from anyone. Pastors can learn from Business Leaders. I'm a Pastor and I study Business leaders all the time. Business Leaders can learn from Pastors. The older can learn from the younger. The younger can learn from the older. Those who are people of faith would be wise to learn from those who are not people of faith and those who are not would be wise to learn from those who are.

Those of you no matter what your spiritual background is, no matter what you do in leadership I hope it's very clear that we hold the deepest respect for those of you who may choose to worship differently or not worship at all.

We just humbly ask for a spirit of understanding and perhaps even openness. Over the next couple of days, we will pray some prayers and we would invite you to join along and pray with us if you are comfortable or feel free to just sit by respectfully if that's more your style.

I said it last year and I'm going to say it again this year because I know that you would agree, you can feel it. It resonates in the bones of any good leader. Like never before our world needs strong, consistent, bold, courageous and integrity infused leaders. As leaders, what will we do? We will lead with profound humility and with furious resolve. We will cast vision for a brighter future and inspire others to do more than they ever thought possible. We will strive for excellence giving our best and demanding the best. We'll seek wisdom to make the difficult calls. We'll apologize when we get it wrong, and we'll confront injustices and right wrongs. We'll ask for the courage to stand up when others back down. As leaders we will grow, and we will get better because we know everyone wins when the leader gets better.

You are not here by accident. I hope at the end of these two days. I trust that you'll recognize your leadership will be sharper, your vision will be stronger, your hearts will be larger, and the world will be different because you are a leader who cares.