

## Fire Pit Topic January 2017: A Teachable Attitude

Definition: Making a decision to be a learner. Being willing to learn from any person or situation, in spite of the personality of the person or the difficulty of the situation. Having the self confidence to receive instruction from others.

Share a personal story about a time when you had to be teachable. Be brief. Now, ask the guys where they have the most difficulty being teachable. Allow several to respond.

### Fire Pit Discussion: Focus Group

1. Discuss the definition.
2. Historical Events: Before the out break of WW11, Winston Churchill tried to convince England that Germany was a great threat to all of Europe. The English government would not listen to Churchill and instead tried to broker a treaty with Hitler to procure peace. Hitler broke the treaty and WW11 began.
3. References in the Bible
  - a. Acts 18: 24-28 Apollos, though eloquent and educated, was willing to receive instruction from a simple married couple named Priscilla and Aquila. He had a teachable spirit.
4. Illustrated in the life of Jesus
  - a. John 5: 19-20
  - b. John 8: 28 Jesus did and spoke as His Father gave Him instruction.
5. Application: What are the areas in your life where you have the most trouble being teachable? It takes self confidence to be teachable. Could it take pride to remain unteachable?