

07. REAL LEADERSHIP AND REAL SERVICE

Why Christian Leadership Looks Different From The World



BIG IDEA

Jesus teaches that true spiritual leadership is not about power, status, or attention — it is about humility, sacrifice, service, and helping others follow Christ.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:42–45

Additional:

- John 13:12–15
- Philippians 2:3–8
- 1 Peter 5:2–3

MEMORY VERSE

Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister...”

MAIN QUESTION

What Does Godly Leadership Actually Look Like?

ESTIMATED TIME

45
MINUTES

SESSION SNAPSHOT



OPENING ACTIVITY
10 min



TEACHING
15 min



DISCUSSION
15 min



CHALLENGE & CONNECTION
5 min



PRAYER
5 min

SESSION GOALS

By the end of this session, students should understand:

- Jesus modeled servant leadership.
- Christian leadership is different from worldly leadership.
- Humility matters more than status.
- Serving others reflects Christ.
- Every believer can lead through faithfulness and love.
- Spiritual influence grows through character and service.



OPENING ACTIVITY

“WHO GETS THE CREDIT?”

1 STEP 1:

Ask students: “Who usually gets the attention in sports teams, online culture, or entertainment?”

Allow responses:

- stars
- influencers
- celebrities
- quarterbacks
- creators
- leaders



2 STEP 2:

Then ask: “Who are the people doing important work behind the scenes that nobody notices?”

Discuss:

- parents
- volunteers
- helpers
- tech teams
- cleaners
- encouragers
- support staff



➤ TRANSITION:

Say: “Jesus completely changed the meaning of leadership. In God’s Kingdom, greatness is measured by humility and service.”



SUPPLIES:

- Small snacks or candy (optional)

LEADER TIP

Some students may crave attention, struggle with comparison, or believe leadership means popularity.

Avoid shaming ambition.

Instead, help students redirect ambition toward Christlike service and faithfulness.

YOUR ROLE

- ✓ Encourage thoughtful discussion
- ✓ Emphasize humility and service
- ✓ Connect leadership to everyday life
- ✓ Encourage quiet faithfulness
- ✓ Keep Christ central

WHAT YOU’LL NEED

- Bible
- Leader Sheet
- Snacks/candy (optional)



Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

MARK 10:45