

07. REAL LEADERSHIP AND REAL SERVICE

Why Christian Leadership Looks Different From The World



CORE TEACHING

1 JESUS REDEFINED LEADERSHIP Mark 10:42-45

The world often defines leadership through:

- power • popularity • control
- attention • or status.

Jesus taught something completely different.
In God's Kingdom:

greatness is measured through service.

- **Emphasize:** Jesus led by serving others, not demanding attention.

2 JESUS MODELED HUMBLE SERVICE John 13:12-15

Jesus washed His disciples' feet —
a task usually done by servants.

The King of Kings chose:

- humility • sacrifice • and service.

- **Emphasize:** Real spiritual leadership looks like Christ.

3 HUMILITY MATTERS MORE THAN STATUS Philippians 2:3-8

Pride constantly seeks:

- recognition • praise • comparison
- and self-promotion.

But Jesus calls believers to:

- humility • love • patience • and faithfulness.

- **Emphasize:** God values character more than platform.

4 EVERY CHRISTIAN CAN LEAD THROUGH SERVICE 1 Peter 5:2-3

Leadership is not limited to:

- pastors • adults • or public personalities.

Students can influence others through:

- encouragement • kindness • honesty
- service • integrity • and faithfulness.

- **Emphasize:** Spiritual influence grows through faithful service.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Guide your group to think deeper.

1 What does culture usually say makes someone important?

Follow-up: Why do people chase popularity or attention?

2 How was Jesus' leadership different from worldly leadership?

Follow-up: Why do you think humility is difficult for people?

3 What are some ways students can serve others quietly?

Follow-up: Why do unnoticed acts of service still matter?

4 Why do people sometimes want recognition for serving?

Follow-up: How can pride affect leadership?

5 What qualities make someone trustworthy to follow?

Follow-up: What kind of leader do you want to become?



DISCUSSION TIP: Some students may compare themselves constantly, desire recognition, or feel invisible. Encourage students that God sees faithfulness even when others do not.



REAL LIFE CONNECTION

Social media often rewards:

- visibility • self-promotion • image • attention.

But Jesus teaches that true greatness is found in humble service.

The strongest Christian influence often comes from: quiet faithfulness, consistency, kindness, sacrifice, and love.



PRAYER FOCUS

Thank the Father for sending Jesus, the perfect servant King.

Ask the Spirit to help students grow in humility, faithfulness, courage, and Christlike love toward others.



WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Challenge students to:

- ✓ serve someone anonymously
- ✓ help without recognition
- ✓ encourage someone intentionally
- ✓ take responsibility without being asked



Ask: "How can I reflect Christ through service this week?"

Put faith into action this week.



LEADER NOTES

- ✓ Avoid treating leadership as personality-driven.
- ✓ Encourage humility without discouraging initiative.
- ✓ Keep the focus on Christ's example.
- ✓ Affirm quiet faithfulness and unseen service.
- ✓ Help students connect service to everyday life.



YOUR ROLE

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



Greatness in God's Kingdom begins with service.