

“HOW TO LEAD LIKE JESUS”

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INTRODUCTION

Perhaps you do not think of yourself as a leader. But if your life influences others then you are leading them, whether it is family, friends or coworkers. As we approach our Global Leadership Summit next month, let's take an opportunity to examine leadership from a biblical perspective. This study examines three steps you can take to develop as a godly leader; choosing humility, discovering your ministry and developing compassion.

Ice Breaker (Optional):

Who do you recall as an effective leader in your life, and why do you feel they were effective?

Study Questions (45 MIN)

START BY CHOOSING HUMILITY

Q1. Read Matthew 20:25-28; Philippians 2:5-8; Matthew 23:11-12

To lead like Jesus you need to be like Jesus. What method of leadership did the Gentiles employ (Matthew 20:25)? What is the method Jesus used to lead (Matthew 20:28)? What was the attitude of Jesus referred to in Philippians 2:5? Humility is reflected in both our attitudes and our actions. What are some actions we can take that reflect the attitude of humility?

DISCOVER YOUR MINISTRY

Q2. Read Luke 4:17-21; Matthew 15:24

Leaders are most effective when they know how God has equipped and called them to minister. What were some of the specific areas of ministry Jesus declared He was anointed to perform during His earthly ministry in Luke 4:18-19? What gifts and abilities has God given you that help define the area of ministry to which you feel called? Jesus was very intentional in who He ministered to (Matthew 15:24). Can you identify the people you feel God has called you to minister to? Are there any ministries or leadership opportunities that you think might be opening to you? If not, those who know you well may be able to help you confirm or identify some.

DEVELOP DEEPER COMPASSION

Q3. Read Matthew 9:36; John 10:11-12; 1 Peter 5:1-4

A godly leader desires to follow God and care for His people, just like Jesus Himself. When Jesus saw the harassed and helpless crowds, to what did he compare them? Jesus called himself the good shepherd. How did Jesus differentiate the good shepherd from the one who was not a shepherd in John 10:11-12? The shepherd not only leads his flock, but also has compassion towards them. Peter instructed the church leaders in the way they should shepherd their flock. What are some of the warnings signs that alert us that we might be leading for the wrong reasons or in the wrong ways?(1Peter 5:2-3) How does Peter identify the ways godly leadership?

Wrap-Up

Though we are unique in our methods, and in our gifting, we all are leaders in some respect. To grow as godly leaders we start by choosing humility in both our attitude and our actions. Next ask God to clarify the area of ministry or leadership that He has equipped you for and called you into. And finally, seek to develop a heart of compassion for God's people. From that compassion will flow the kind of care and commitment that reflects the heart of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

Memory Verse

... *Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant*
- Matthew 20:26b NIV

Prayer (20 MIN)

Ask your group to pray for you regarding one area where you can apply this study in your life: _____
Pray for your group members' needs:

Challenge:

Check the opportunities for service at New Life and ask God if He is calling you to serve, and/or lead in one of those ministries.

Q1

Matthew 20:25-28 ESV - 25 But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 26 It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, 28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Philippians 2:5-8 Read in your Bible

Matthew 23:11-12 ESV - 11 The greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Q2

Luke 4:17-21 NASB - 17 And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written, 18 "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR.HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES,AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, 19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD." 20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Matthew 15:24 ESV - 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Q3

Matthew 9:36 ESV - 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

John 10:11-12 ESV - 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

1 Peter 5:1-4 ESV - 1 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Prayers Con't: _____
