LEADERSHIP LESSON #10 - JESUS CHRIST

LESSON

Servant leadership is best defined by Jesus Himself: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26–28). In the eyes of Jesus, servant leadership is the essence of greatness!

EXPLANATION

Jesus took the world's value system and turned it on its head! His servant leadership goes against the grain. Effectively His life shifts our thinking: The way up is down. The way to be first is to be last. The way to be the leader is to be the servant. The way one finds one's life is by losing it. There's no doubt about it, Jesus Christ – God in the flesh – was the greatest server ever!

- He was known to wash the feet of his followers. (John 13:12)
- He said that he "came not to be served but to serve." (Mark 10:45)
- We are invited to serve as the Lord served us. We are challenged to be other centered and put the needs of others above their own

APPLICATION

A servant leader seeks to invest himself in the lives of others to challenge them to become more like Christ. He doesn't emulate the examples of the world; his example is Jesus, who came as a servant. Therefore, our mission is to serve one another, to give of ourselves. Christ came to give His life and we are to give our lives away in service to others.

A common misconception among those who want to exercise a leadership role over others is that it comes with glory, power, and positions of honor. Jesus provided a perfect response to this mindset when He modeled the true servant style of leadership. bending down and washed the disciples' feet and in the process, teaching them the true measure of leading by first serving others (John 13:12–17).

DIRECTION

"Serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13)