

Leadership Group Guide /

for the Leadership Podcast
with Pastor Steve Murrell

Leadership and Service

WORD

(20 MINUTES)

*42*And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. *43*But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, *44*and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. *45*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." **MARK 10:42-45**

Two brothers among Jesus' disciples, James and John, asked Him to let them sit at His right and left (traditional positions of authority) when He came into His glory. When the other disciples heard that, they were *indignant*. However, Jesus chose to rebuke all of them by contrasting His definition of leadership with the world's. Those who abide by the worldly definition of leadership *lord it over* their followers and *exercise authority over* them. They fixate on the titles and privileges of leadership, and may even abuse the authority they have over others.

In contrast, Jesus said that whoever wants to be a leader should be a *slave* and a *servant* of all. As leaders, we must serve; it is the heart of leadership. Our mandate to *go therefore and make disciples of all nations* comes from Christ, who has *all authority in heaven and earth* (Matthew 28:18,19). Because of this, being entrusted with a mandate and the authority to fulfill it, we are accountable to God as leaders. Therefore, we have no right to any entitlement to or pride in titles or positions of leadership. If even our King, Jesus, *came not to be served but to serve*, how can we do any less?

DISCUSSION

(50 MINUTES)

1. What did Jesus mean when He said leadership means being a slave and a servant? What's one thing you can start doing differently to exemplify leadership as service?
2. How was service exemplified to you? How did it affect the way you lead others? What is one thing you can do, starting this week, to be a leader who serves others?
3. How can you encourage those in your Victory group to practice serving others as they learn to lead?

PRAYER

(20 MINUTES)

1. Pray that even as your leaders share their lives with you, you would feel the urgency and passion to develop leaders around you.
2. Pray that you and those in your Victory group would personify what it means to be servant leaders. Pray that you would be more like Christ.
3. Pray that the leaders in the church would exemplify leadership as service. Pray for a healthy culture of leadership development in the church.



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This guide is designed to be used in leadership groups, for Victory group leaders to grow in discipleship and leadership development. The goal of these ninety-minute leadership group meetings is a discussion of the Word and its practical application as leaders.