

Biblical Leadership

NOTES

WARM-UP

- Who is the most humble person you know? What does s/he do to put others before self?
- Recall a time when you were placed in a leadership position. Do you think you led well? Why or why not?
- Tell us about a sacrifice that a family member or friend made for you. What did it take, and why did s/he do it anyway?

WORD

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Jesus is our example of leadership. Though we may have different definitions of leadership and experiences of good and bad leadership, the Word of God tells us what leadership is. The Bible says that leadership is service and it requires sacrifice.

1 Leadership is service.

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Jesus said that those who want to be great should serve, and those who would come first should be slaves of all. Leadership is not putting the leader before others; it is about the leader serving everyone else. How is this definition of leadership different from what you see around you? How does the Bible’s definition contradict the world’s?

2 Leadership requires sacrifice.

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Jesus willingly gave His life as a ransom for us. He did what we could not do for ourselves by dying for us on the cross. In a similar manner, leadership requires sacrifice and selflessness on the part of the leader. When people are faced with different challenges, the leader should be the first to serve and sacrifice. Do you think we can lead on our strength and with our own ability? How can we depend on God's grace to lead?

APPLICATION

- How does your definition of leadership differ from what the Bible says? What have you learned today and how will you apply it to your life?
- In what area are you called to lead? How can you serve those you are leading this week?
- Do you believe that Jesus died to save you? How will His sacrifice affect how you will live?

PRAYER

- Thank God for Jesus' sacrifice and example. Pray that you would be more like Him every day.
- Pray that we would have more godly leaders in government, business, communities, and families.
- Ask God for grace and supernatural ability to serve others and set a godly example of leadership.



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