

Jesus Curriculum

Lesson 10

Mark 10:42-45; John 13:3-4, 14:17;

2 Corinthians 4:5

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What is the Method of Leadership?

Introduction

We live in a self-promoting culture, especially since the advent of social media. Many people look to gain as many likes, follows, subscriptions, reposts, retweets, etc. that they can get so that they can gain a more substantial following and increase their influence. As a result, we want leaders who look the part and have the skillset to match.

However, Jesus' prescription for leaders is entirely different. He said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant." This statement goes totally against the ways of our culture and world. It may even be viewed as foolish by those in leadership in the world.

Have you sought to serve others? Have you treated others as more important than yourself? In what ways have you cared for those who were in need?

Memory verse: "Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."—Mark 10:43

Pray and read Mark 10:42-45; John 13:3-4, 14:17; 2 Corinthians 4:5.

What questions or observations do you have about these passages?

What do the passages say?

1. How do the rulers of the Gentiles lead according to Jesus? (Mark 10:42)
2. Is that the way it is supposed to be with Christians? What is it to be instead? (Mark 10:43)
3. Whoever wants to be first must do what? (Mark 10:44)
4. What did the Son of Man come to do? (Mark 10:45)
5. What did Jesus do for His disciples? (John 13:3-5)
6. What did Paul preach, and as what did he view himself? (2 Corinthians 4:5)

What do the passages mean?

1. Jesus' words in Mark 10:43-44 go totally against our cultural views on leadership. What do you think it looks like to "be slave of all?"

2. Washing feet in Jesus' day was a much stronger picture than it is in our day. People walked in dusty roads where animals frequently walked with open-toed sandals. As a result, washing feet was relegated to slaves or servants. Why did He do this? What does this say about how Jesus views Himself as even though He is God? (Matthew 20:28; John 13:14-17; Philippians 2:3-11)

3. Mark 10:45 says that the reason Jesus came was "not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." What are some other reasons Jesus came to live among us? (John 3:17, 9:39, 10:10, 18:37; Romans 3:25-26, 15:8-9)

4. As Paul stated in 2 Corinthians 4:5, our call as Christians is to preach Jesus as Lord and not ourselves. Why does Jesus deserve to be preached as Lord? (John 1:1-5, 18; Hebrews 1:1-4)

3. We as humans tend to elevate ourselves and “preach ourselves” rather than preach Jesus as Lord. How have you preached yourself rather than Jesus as Lord? Write out a prayer below, asking for the Lord to convict you about this and seek to preach Jesus more.