

Way of Discipleship Small Groups

Jesus and leadership



Touching base (5 minutes)

Open in prayer as is helpful for your group.

If this is your first session take time to introduce yourselves and set any ground rules you want to for your time together.

If you met previously take the opportunity either as a group or in pairs to check in with each other about how your response from last time has gone.



Opening question(s) (5 minutes)

What examples can you name of Jesus leading others?



Understanding the information (30 minutes)

Read through, or summarize, the eight ideas about Jesus and leadership on the one page handout.

Discuss: Which of these ideas seem most important to you? Why?

How can we become more like Jesus as leaders?

What would Jesus say to us in our leading of others?



Reading the Bible (15 minutes)

Read John 13: 1-17 - Jesus' great lesson on leadership.

Discuss the Discovery Bible Study questions:

What does this passage teach me about God?

What does this passage teach me about people?

How does this passage call me to obey God?

What might I do in response to this this week?



Seeing how it looks in real lives (10 minutes)

Watch the video at:

https://youtu.be/CDGh_I6mbiQ

What struck you as important in the video?



Responding to God's leading (5 minutes)

Give people an opportunity to think about, "What might God be showing me and how might I respond?" They may like to write this down and/or share it with the group and/or share it with one other person. A friendly question is to ask each other, "Is there anything that would be helpful to ask you next time?"



Group prayer (5 minutes)

From Heaven, You came helpless babe
Entered our world, your glory veiled
Not to be served but to serve
And give Your life that we might live

This is our God, The Servant King
He calls us now to follow Him
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to The Servant King

So let us learn how to serve
And in our lives enthrone Him
Each other's needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving

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JESUS AND LEADERSHIP

WHILE THERE ARE MANY WAYS IN WHICH WE CANNOT IMITATE JESUS FULLY, NEVERTHELESS HE IS OUR PATTERN.

Jesus intensified many of the themes of leadership in the Old Testament.

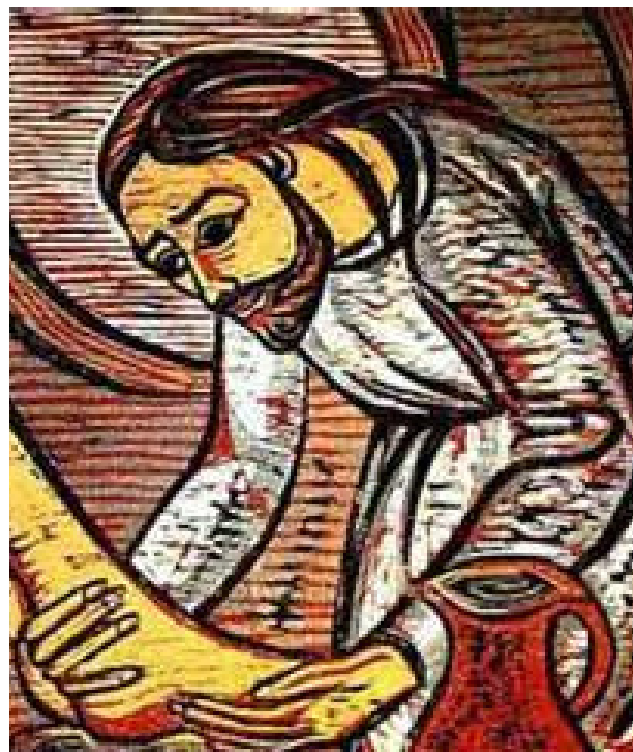
He was anointed and called by God. “The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me...”

He did not act on His own authority, but through the work of the Spirit, to do His Father’s will.

He laid down His life for others.

His security was in His relationship with God, rather than His status as a leader.

He taught and demonstrated humility as the foundation of leadership. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you.



INSTEAD, WHOEVER WANTS TO BECOME GREAT AMONG YOU MUST BE YOUR SERVANT, AND WHOEVER WANTS TO BE FIRST MUST BE SLAVE OF ALL. FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY.” (MARK 10:42-45)

He offered His own life as an example for others. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.” (John 13:13-17)

He called His followers to steward and take responsibility. “Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. (Matthew 24:45-47)

He called and released others into ministry and leadership – His key strategy.

