

Servant Leadership

Syllabus

Course length: 4 weeks

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Leadership transcends disciplines, spanning the secular and the spiritual with mutually applicable concepts. This course will teach basic principles of Christian servant leadership, as we focus on a distinctly Apostolic perspective on spiritual leadership. The student is challenged to plunge deeply into the arena of the universal, the unseen and the spiritual.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, you will be able to:

- Understand Servant leadership concepts
 - - **Influence** rather than power and control
 - - **Inspiration** rather than position and title
 - - **Focusing on others'** strengths rather than weaknesses
 - - **Listening** rather than giving orders
 - - **Humility** rather than pride, 'the big picture rather than self-interest
 - - **Long-range benefits** rather than short-term profits
 - - **Creating** new futures rather than maintaining the status quo
- Recognize the hostile spiritual forces that oppose the Kingdom of God and understand how to overcome them
- Mindful of Spiritual Authority and staying in tune
- Recognize that Submission to the chain of God's leadership is the source of Spiritual Authority
- Feeling the responsibility of other's growth and helping Pastor with fulfilling the great commission both the harvest without (new souls) and within (our church family)

Lesson 1 What is Servant Leadership?

- Define Servant leadership
 - Discuss leadership concepts
- Visualize and define leadership
 - Boaz as an example of a "Pillar"
- Put yourself in the picture of leadership and servant leadership
- Understand servant leadership and its impact
- Apply servant leadership to your own life and mission
- Introduce concepts and what we will discuss in next lessons

Lesson 2

Influence

Joseph – in prison and all through his life was an influencer

- Head of the house of Potiphar
- Given the key to the Prison by the Jailor
- Trusted by Pharaoh to bring entire nation through famine

Leadership is not in a title

Influence is the circle that we can make a difference in

Take note of people that look up to you

Use our influence on steering people to be led of the Spirit and into Growth

Take care of the example that has been established

Inspiration

Daniel – influence on peers and Babylonians

- Abstain from the king's meat
- He and his friends ten times better than any prophet in Babylon
- Trials (furnace and lion's den) proved God was with them
- Inspired the king(s) Neb. And Darius and the people of Babylon

Remember in every trial there is a purpose

The fire only burned the shackles on their hands!

In your patience possess ye your soul

Others depend on our endurance not just for selfish gain

Lesson 3

Focusing on strengths

- Boaz – Upon meeting Ruth – saw her attitude instead of her heritage (Moabitess)
- Honored her in the servant supper (passed the sop to her)
- Made sure she was well equipped and assured her she needed go elsewhere
- Commanded his servants to leave extra for her specifically
- Eventually married her (Type of Christ to the Church)

Listening

- Proverbs 20:5 Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water; But a man of understanding will draw it out. 6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: But a faithful man who can find?
- Listening is what matures us both in listening to authority (God) and to our subordinates (those who we serve)
James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
- James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.
- Listening along with patient response will produce the best counsel

Lesson 4

- - **Humility, Long Term Goals**
 - Mordecai – “Bruised Servant and Sweet Incense”
 - Taught Esther through example (Saved King’s life)
 - Esther desired ONLY to give the King what he wanted not her own desires
 - Both denied their own ambition in the risk of their own lives
- - **Creating** new futures rather than maintaining the status quo
 - Elisha desire DOUBLE portion of his Elder
 - Elisha was a focused man to plough straight lines heads down
 - Stayed in tune with Elijah
- Examine its basis in the life of Christ
 - Compare contrast Jesus/Judas to Boaz/Ruth
- Assess your current leadership practices
 - Being secure enough to help others to reach their potential
- Develop your own course toward servant leadership practice

Conclusion

Psalms 147:19-20

(19) He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. (20) He hath not dealt so with any nation: and *as for his* judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD.

We are stewards of the statutes of God, His Truth and His Spirit. When we are born again, all things become new. Servant Leadership is the proper attitude of dealing with our brother and sisters and those we deal with in our life, it should be a different approach than how the world views leadership.