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Jesus on Leadership**

Week 1

I. Information About Servant-Leadership

Listed below are different definitions of servant leadership.

1. When you hear the phrase “servant-leadership” what comes to mind?

2. How do you think a believer should understand the following scripture?

He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, “Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.”
Mark 9:35 NLT

3. Review the definitions below and from your interpretation of them, write your own.

Servant leadership is a leadership philosophy in which the goal of the leader is to serve.

It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first.
Robert Greenleaf

A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.

Lao Tzu

I. Instances of Servant Leadership

Listed below are different examples of servant leadership.

1. _____ displayed servant leadership

I Samuel 16:17-19

So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me."¹⁸ One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the Lord is with him."¹⁹ Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." (NIV)

2. _____ displayed servant leadership

Esther 4:16

Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish! (NIV)

3. _____ displayed servant leadership

Joshua 1:1,2

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. (NIV)

4. _____ displayed servant leadership

Exodus 3:9,10

And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." (NIV)

5. _____ displayed servant leadership

Matthew 4:1, 2

As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. 26 But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself." (NIV)

II. Insight About Servant Leadership

Listed below are outcomes from being a servant leader.

1. Servant leadership can lead to increased _____
To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. **I Corinthians 9:22,23**

2. Servant leadership can lead to increased _____
Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **Ephesians 4:2**

3. Servant leadership can lead to increased _____
Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature. **I Corinthians 14:20**

4. Servant leadership can lead to increased _____
for the Lord is your security. He will keep your foot from being caught in a trap. ²⁷ Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them. ²⁸ If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, "Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you." **Proverbs 3:26-28**

5. Servant leadership can lead to increased _____
Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. **Proverbs 16:24**