

Series: Follow
Sermon: Follow the Leader
December 3, 2017

Have some fun...

1. What is your favorite Christmas memory when you were a child?
2. What was your favorite subject in school?
3. On a scale of 1 to 10, how controlling a person are you? Explain.
4. When was the last time you performed a random act of kindness?
5. When you leave a room, do you turn the lights off behind you or keep the lights on throughout the house most of the time? Explain your answer.

Overview of Follow – Sermon 7 “Follow the Leader” (Read Aloud)

We don't usually associate leadership with the church. Leadership is about what could and should be. We assume the church is about what has been. But Jesus was the greatest leader who ever lived. He modeled a unique approach to leadership that defies our expectations but changed the world. Jesus leveraged his authority for the benefit of those under his authority. Following Jesus means that, when we find ourselves in positions of authority, we do the same.

Talk About It

1. Share your experience with the 90 Day Giving Challenge.
2. What do you do or not do as a Jesus follower that makes you different from other people around you?
3. Are you a leader or a follower?
4. Talk about a leader in your life—a parent, boss, or coach—that has had a big influence over you. What was it about that leader that made him or her special?
5. Who is a famous leader you admire? What do you admire about that person?
6. Have you ever been under the authority of a poor leader? If so, what was your experience?

The Source

Mark 10:32-45

1. How would you have felt, as a disciple, if you had just heard Jesus say verses 33 and 34?
2. Why do you think James and John made the request to sit on Jesus right and left? Why do you think they made this request right after Jesus tells of his impending hardship?
3. Does the reaction of the other disciples (vs. 41) surprise you?
4. How would you describe the view of leadership from the disciple's point of view?
5. Read vs. 42-45.
 - A. How would you describe Jesus view of leadership?
 - B. What are the benefits to this type of leadership?
 - C. Is there a downside to this type of leadership?

Make It Practical

1. What does it mean for you to be a servant to others?
2. Over whom do you have authority at work or at home? In light of today's message, in what ways can you change your current approach to leading?
3. Think about someone you lead. What is one thing you can do this week to leverage your authority for that person's benefit? What can this group do to support you?

Pray Together

1. Pray for the opportunity to influence others by serving them.