

Follow the Leader – Serving

Launching Questions – Let's get the conversation started...

We're nearing the end of the series, Follow the Leader...but we're never really done following the leader!

1. From what we've learned in the first 2 weeks: Spending deliberate time with God (the call was to set a time and place, prayer, read the Bible and journal), and making corporate worship a priority just as Jesus did...what has changed for you? If nothing, what will?

Guiding Questions – This one is to think about the big picture of following...

- *The main text from this weekend's lesson was very similar to what we've read in Luke 9 – Jesus calling us to die to ourselves Let's read the text in Matthew 20.*

READ: Matthew 20:20-27

- *Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."*

2. *Why do you think their mother knelt before Jesus? (She is taking the posture of humility and servant hood...but her question reveals she and her sons don't have that heart).*

*When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the 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 your slave – **just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.**"*

In the lesson, Jason mentioned the difference between serving and being a servant. Serving is on your terms, being a servant is to relinquish your "rights".

Clarifying Questions – These lead to life application

3. In what areas of your life do you see yourself serving?
4. In what areas of your life do you see yourself as a servant?
5. How can you grow to be a servant in all areas of your life?

Probing Questions – These lead to introspection

6. What did this lesson teach me about God?
7. What did this lesson teach me about myself?
8. In light of what I learned in the lesson, what is God calling me to do?

ACTION ITEMS

- *Find a place to serve either the community or the church – or both!*