Servant Leadership

*Images From the Last Supper*

- Bread and Wine
- Towel and Basin
- King and Servant

*John 13:1-38*
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Identification ** Brotherhood & Duty ** Leadership
Session #2

The Message of the Towel and Basin

Brotherhood and Duty
The Basin & Towel

John 13: 2-17

Symbols of Brotherhood & Duty

“Do you know what I have done?”

“I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you.”
Basin and Towel – Community

Called Together As Community

*John 13:34 & 35*

- Worship together
- Grow together
- Learn together
- Serve together

The Church

*Acts 2: 41-47*
Basin and Towel – a call to serve

We serve one another...

• Because of who we are – identity (John 13:16)
• For the good of our brother (John 13:14)
• To advance the Lord’s mission (John 13:15)
It is Both a Personal & Corporate Mission

A mission to follow Christ

John 13:34 – become like him...

A mission to impact the world

John 20:21 – We are to go...

Matthew 28:18-20 – We are to disciple...
Kings and Servants

Gentile View of leadership – Rule Over
- Kings – Superiority and Power
- Servants – Subjection and Weakness

God’s view of leadership – Serve
- Our Authority – Influence Others
- Our Position – Enable Others
  (Luke 22:26,27)
Verse 29

… and just as my Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

We are to lead as Christ led…
We continue the mission Christ inaugurated…
We are on the move...

Ephesians 4:11-16

– A mission requires leaders
– A community requires leaders
Session #3
Understanding the Measure of Christ
Ephesians 4:15

What is the Measure of Leadership?

Seven Biblical Leadership Principles
#1 Leadership Requires **Preparation**

Moses: *Exodus 3:1*

Joshua with Moses: Exodus. 24: 13-15

David’s years of running [*20 years*]

Jesus with His Twelve [*3 years*]

Paul with Timothy: *Acts 16:3*
Seven Biblical Leadership Principles

#2 Leadership Comes by Appointment

Jesus selected His Twelve: *Matthew 4:18-21; 10:1*

Paul selected Timothy: *Acts 16: 1-3*

Paul removed John Mark from his Team: *Acts 15:39*

Barnabas selected John Mark: *Acts 15:39*

Jesus distributes gifts to believers: *Ephesians 4:11*
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#3 Leadership Requires Multiplication

Jesus prepared a team: Matthew 28:18

Jerusalem church appointed deacons: Acts 6:2,3

Paul appointed elders: Acts 14:23

Moses delegated authority and responsibility: Ex. 18

O.T. worship delegated responsibility: Num. 1:47-52
#4 Leadership Requires Accountability

Relationships

Upward and Downward

God sets forth qualifications: *1 Timothy 3*

Our leadership will be judged by God:


We hold others accountable: *Titus 1:13*

Accountability to be administered with grace:

*Galatians 6:1-5*
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#5 Leadership Requires Spiritual Sensitivity

• Maintain what is given by God:
  2 Timothy 1:14

• Live a life filled with spiritual fruit
  Gal. 5:25; Ephesians 4:24

• Not ashamed of the gospel
  2 Timothy 1:8
Seven Biblical Leadership Principles

#6 Leadership Means Is Shared Power

Ministry gift distribution means plurality of leadership

- *Ephesians 4:11-16*

New Testament leadership is Team Ministry

- *Acts 13:1-3*

Christian leadership is empowering others

- Christ’s example / Paul’s example
Seven Biblical Leadership Principles

#7 New Testament Leadership Means To:

Model the Life

- *Titus 2: 1-8*

Nurture (motherhood)

- *John 10:3*

Enable (Fatherhood)

- *2 Timothy 2:2*
Goal of Spiritual Leadership

Leading the Church

Creating an environment for worship of God
• I Corinthians 11,12; Acts 2:44-46

Overseeing a community that fellowships
• 1 Corinthians 11,12; Acts 2:44-46

Developing a strategy for Outreach
• Acts 13
Characteristics of Spiritual Leadership

The Basis of Christian Ministry

\textit{Ephesians 4:11-16}

- Carried by those gifted by the Holy Spirit (v 11)
  - To help believers mature (v12)
- Teach and grow discerning students (v14)
  - Combine Truth and Grace (v15)