

Leaders In Training

Introduction - Purpose



Mar 3:13-15 Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. 14 He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach 15 and to have authority to drive out demons.

There is a great dynamic involved in being prepared for serving in the ministry. This dynamic is primarily linked to the interaction between you and the LORD Jesus Christ. There is a calling to Him, and a responding to the call. The call is **to be with Him - and a being sent** that springs from that relationship. While this course will provide practical instruction from the word of God in foundational principles of leadership, there really is no substitute for your spending time with Him. My hope is that you will be equipped to serve in the gifting and capacity for which Christ has created you.

The training will be carried out over a period of 1 year and will be broken into 4 quarters. Each quarter will focus on one of these main topics:

- Q1 - The Attitude of Christ
- Q2 - The Character of Christ
- Q3 - The Mission of Christ
- Q4 - The Care of the Flock

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Q1 The Attitude of Christ



In the first quarter we will focus on the attitude of Christ as outlined in Phil 2:5-8. We will look at three essential qualities:

Q1M1 - Servant

Q1M2 - Humility

Q1M3 - Obedience

Philippians 2:5-8 KJV Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: (6) Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: (7) But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (8) And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Philippians 2:5-8 NIV ***In your relationships with one another,*** have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: (6) Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; (7) rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. (8) And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

What Are the Nets I Carry?

In the beginning of their ministries, the apostles received - a **call** from Jesus that required a **decision or response**. We will also begin our journey at the point of call and decision. Being a leader is a calling - and it requires some decision on our part.

Mat 4:18-20 KJV And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. 19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. 20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

The call is:

- A call to _____ **“Follow Me”**
- A call to _____ **“I will make you fishers of men”**
 - Jonah - the story of a man whose heart was NOT aligned with the LORD’s

The decision is:

- A decision to _____ **“they straightway left their nets”**
- A decision to _____ **“and followed Him”**



Have I Made Up My Mind to Be a Servant?

Php 2:5-8 KJV Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Let this mind be in you...

- Becoming a servant is a _____, it is a mindset and an attitude

Which was also in Christ Jesus...

- Jesus had this _____ and we are exhorted to have the same

Took upon him the form of a servant...

- Serving is something I do; _____ describes who I am
- Serving ends when a task is completed; _____ is a continuous commitment
- Taking the form of a servant is an act of my _____

He humbled himself and became obedient...

- Again - this was an act of His _____
- Becoming a servant requires and leads to _____ and _____

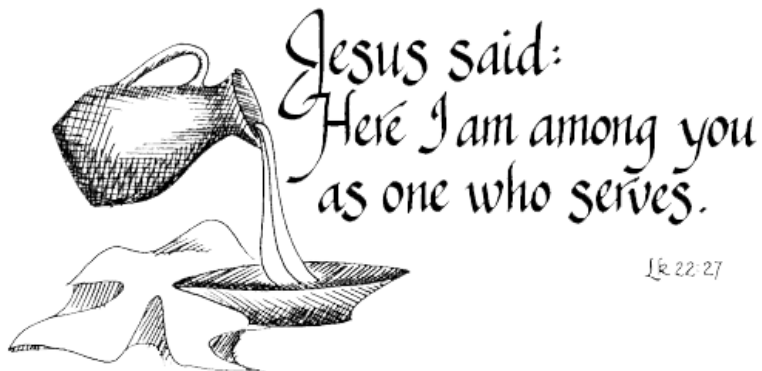


Have I Dealt With My Pride?

Mat 20:20-28 NIV Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. 21 "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." 22 "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. 23 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." 24 When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. 25 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. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-- 28 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."

Comments

- How did Jesus address their competitive desire for greatness?
 - 1 Chronicles 11:6 KJV And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruiah went first up, and was chief.
- How does Jesus measure greatness? _____
 - Note the word MUST in vs 26
- Note once again that Jesus is the _____



The Source of a Servant's Confidence

John 13:1-5 KJV Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. (2) And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; (3) Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; (4) He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. (5) After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

These things enable us to take initiative to serve

- Motivated by _____
- Confident surrender to God's _____ for my life
- Acknowledge my _____ is in my relationship to God

John 13:12-17 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? (13) Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. (14) If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. (15) For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. (16) Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. (17) If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

- Jesus equated being Master and LORD with _____
- He calls us to set the _____ (equate leading w/ serving)
- To choose NOT to serve is saying that we are _____ than the Master
- What is the outcome of the person who serves _____



Servant Leadership Developed and Recognized

The basis for entrusting leadership to others

Philippians 2:20-22 NIV (20) I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. (21) For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. (22) But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.

I have no one else like him

- There is an understanding of _____

Qualities that enable leaders to entrust leadership to others

- They have a _____ in the _____ of others
 - [KJV - naturally care for your state]
 - **Naturally** - legitimate (as in birth) genuine, your own
 - **Care** - to be distracted - to be anxious about
 - **State** - everything about you
- Their interests are subservient to the _____ of Jesus Christ
- He has _____ himself (tested, tried, experience)

Look at the household of Stephanas

1 Corinthians 16:14-18 NIV (14) Do everything in love. (15) You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have **devoted** [KJV **addicted**] themselves to the service of the Lord's people. I urge you, brothers and sisters, (16) to submit to such people and to everyone who joins in the work [GK a fellow worker - to cooperate] and labors [Gk to feel fatigue from hard work] at it. (17) I was glad when Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus arrived, because they have supplied what was lacking from you. (18) For they refreshed my spirit and yours also. Such men deserve recognition.

How did the household of Stephanas approach service to the Lord's people?

Who did Paul say we were to submit to?

- _____
- _____
- _____

Who did Paul say deserves recognition?

- _____

Raising up like Timothy - a consistency that creates reputation

Timothy had a testimony - that lead to his involvement on Paul's team

- Acts 16:1-3 ESV Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. (2) He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. (3) Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

Men with a good reputation were ordained as deacons

- Acts 6:3 ESV Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven **men of good repute**, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.

Epaphras' testimony - he struggled in prayer and worked hard for these people

- Colossians 4:12-13 ESV Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. (13) **For I bear him witness** that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis.

Widows - a good testimony of serving

- 1 Timothy 5:9-10 ESV Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty years of age, having been the wife of one husband, (10) and having **a reputation for good works**: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work.

The testimony of love in being faithful to care for strangers

- 3 John 1:4-6 ESV I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. (5) Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, (6) **who testified to your love** before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God.

Q1M1 - Accountability Worksheet

Discuss

Describe a church that has a culture of serving?

How can I help create the culture of serving at ACC?

How can I keep my heart aligned with the interests of Jesus Christ?

Personal Evaluation

What hinders me most from being a servant?

Where would I rate myself on a scale of 1-10 in being a servant? (10 = highest) _____

What one thing could I do that would raise my self-evaluation one number higher?

Hand's On Assignment: Month 1 Hospitality [*the love of strangers*]

Reach out and show Christ's love to someone at ACC that you do not know

- Greet someone new at church each week (4x) _____
- Find out about and pray for a need in one of these peoples' lives (1x) _____
- Find out about and meet a need in this person's life (extra) _____
- Invite someone to your home or out for fellowship or / dinner (1x) _____

