

Tonight's Lesson: "A Different Kind of Leader"

Mark 10:42-45

Introduction:

1. Leadership is ***influence***.
2. Influence is the ability to move another person in a direction you believe is important.
3. By any definition, Jesus Christ was a ***leader*** like no other!
4. But, as we study the life of Christ, we find some interesting discoveries.
 - He was the greatest leader the world has ever known because he was the greatest ***follower*** the world has ever known. John 4:34
5. Let's examine the traits that marked Christ's leadership.

I. Christ did not selfishly ***dominate*** others. vs. 42

- A. As we look at Christ's life, we never see Him using His power and authority to selfishly ***rule*** over others.
- B. Philippians 2:4-8 describes Christ's attitude when He walked this earth.

II. Christ led by ***ministering***. vs. 43

- A. According to Christ, what defines a great leader?
 - A great leader is one who ministers to the ***needs*** of others.
- B. Jesus Christ was a great leader, because His entire life and attitude was characterized by ***ministry***.

III. Christ ministered by ***servicing***. vs. 44

- A Christ-like leader has a ministry mind-set. But what does that attitude cause a leader to do?
- In Mark 10:44, Jesus taught that it leads a person to ***serve***.
 - "*For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.*" Galatians 5:13

IV. Christ served by ***sacrificing***. vs. 45

- Christ was a ***giver***, not a taker. He sacrificed in every area.
- "*For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*" 2 Corinthians 8:9