



*First Baptist Church of Cypress*  
**SERVANT LEADERSHIP**

**MARK 10:31-45**

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*The only way is to follow Christ completely! There is none greater than the other or lesser than the other, but Salvation belongs to the LORD.* Jesus continues this conversation with his disciples when James and John ask Jesus to sit at his right hand and left in glory. In Matthew 20:20, it is their mother who makes the request, so apparently the whole family was involved. However, Jesus' teaching on greatness in Chapter 9:34-35 clearly had not changed their attitudes.

**Mark 10:35-45**

Jesus' model of leadership differs from the world's default model of leadership. The world's default model of leadership, practiced over centuries and across cultures, is about being served. When God's people asked for a king, he warned them about the reality of this kind of leadership.

*He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. **12** And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. **13** He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. **14** He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. **15** He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. **16** He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men[a] and your donkeys, and put them to his work. **17** He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves."*

**1 Samuel 8: 11-17**

**1. Jesus is our EXAMPLE (v 45)**

- He is the ultimate Servant Leader. He is the one we are to emulate.

**He is our MODEL, our PATTERN.**

"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you" **John 13:14-15**

## 2. Jesus is our SUBSTITUTE

- Jesus is not just our MODEL; he is our MEDIATOR.

## 3. Jesus is our POWER (v 40)

- Whatever you LACK, the Spirit has.
- Whatever you NEED, the Spirit provides.

*Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. **13** No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

**1 Corinthians 10:12-13**

God is not constrained by your limitations! God uses the weak, the flawed, the powerless. God loves to pour out his Spirit on humble leaders who acknowledge their need. Gospel leadership is Servant Leadership; and servant leadership drives us back to the gospel.