



**DISCIPLESHIP**

**LEADING LIKE JESUS**

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**PURPOSE**

LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN JESUS AND INVITE OTHERS INTO LIFE WITH HIM

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We can learn how to lead like Jesus by applying five important truths.

**MATTHEW 20:25-28 ESV**

<sup>25</sup> But Jesus called them to Him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>26</sup> It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, <sup>28</sup> even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**LEADERSHIP TRUTH #1:**  
We lead like Jesus when we see ourselves as servants.

**JOHN 13:3-4 ESV**

<sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup> rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.

**LEADERSHIP TRUTH #2:**  
We lead like Jesus when we know where we came from and where we are going; no lowly task can diminish our value.

**JOHN 13:5 ESV**

<sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

**JOHN 13:6-11 ESV**

<sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.” <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, “Not all of you are clean.”

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### **LEADERSHIP TRUTH #3:**

**We lead like Jesus when His washing of us enables us to see past the sin and shame of others as they come to get clean as well.**

### **JOHN 13:12-17 ESV**

<sup>12</sup> When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup> If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

### **LEADERSHIP TRUTH #4:**

**We lead like Jesus when we humble ourselves to raise up others.**

### **PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4 ESV**

<sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

### **JOHN 13:34-35 ESV**

<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

### **LEADERSHIP TRUTH #5:**

**We lead like Jesus when we love one another in extraordinary ways.**

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. What does it mean to know where we have come from and where we are going? How does this affect how we lead and serve?
2. How does Jesus’ cleaning of us help us to be more gracious towards others? How might you be able to serve someone with compassion this season?
3. What is the risk in counting others as more significant than yourself? What would happen if everyone did this?

### **NOTES**