



PART 7: Leading Great

INTRODUCTION

We don't usually associate leadership with the church. Leadership is about what could and should be. We assume the church is about what has been. But Jesus was the greatest leader who ever lived. He modeled a unique approach to leadership that defies our expectations but changed the world.

Jesus leveraged his authority for the benefit of those under his authority. Following Jesus means that, when we find ourselves in positions of authority, we do the same.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who is a famous leader that you admire? What do you admire about that person?
2. Talk about a leader in your life—a parent, boss, or coach—that has had a big influence over you. What was it about that leader that made him or her special?
3. Have you ever been under the authority of a poor leader? If so, what did it cost you?
4. In the message, Andy says that great leaders ask the question, *"What can I do to help?"* Respond to that statement. Do you agree? How does it challenge your assumptions about leadership?
5. Over whom do you have authority at work or at home? In light of Andy's message, in what ways can you change your current approach to leading?
6. Think about someone you lead. What is one thing you can do this week to leverage your authority for that person's benefit? What can this group do to support you?

MOVING FORWARD

Whether you're a parent, a boss, or a coach, you're a leader in someone's life. Leading like Jesus means serving. It means leveraging your authority on behalf of those under your authority. It means looking for opportunities to do for one what you wish you could do for everyone.

Imagine what would happen in our communities, our nation, and the world if Christians were leaders like that in their homes and workplaces.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45