

SERVANT LEADERS IN THE CHURCH

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Model the character of Christ (18-19)

Servant leaders lead like Jesus:

Humble

Holy

Faithful

Discussion Guide

Open Up

- Do you think the “suspicion of church leadership” is a reality in churches today? Why or why not?
- Is the term “servant leader” an oxymoron? Why or why not?
- We all have influence over someone and are therefore leaders in the spheres God has placed us. Whom do you lead?

Dig In

- Why is it important that Jesus came to show us servant leadership instead of simply describing it to us through the Law?
- Which of the responsibilities of an elder in the church do you think is most important? Why?
- Why do you think it is important that we learn about church leadership from men like Paul, Peter, and James?
- Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7. Make a list of the qualities of an elder and discuss each.
- Read John 13:1-20. What can we all learn about servant leadership from Jesus' example?

Live Out

- Which of the characteristics of servant leadership (humble, holy, faithful) do you need to work on with those whom you lead?
- PRAY for our church leaders.
- PRAY for those God has trusted you to lead.

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