

“In Pursuit of Servant Leadership”

New Hope Community Church
January 16th, 2022
Mark 10:35-45

A. A Contrast In Leadership That Yields Opposite Results

1. Leadership motivated by **selfish** ambition (35-37)
 - It does not count the cost of taking up the **cross** (38-40)
 - It results in the separation of **hearts one from another** (41)
 - It opens the door to all sorts of **evil** (Ja 3:14-16)
2. Leadership motivated by **service** to others (42-44)
 - It is in sharp contrast to the ways of the **world** (Ja 3:13,17-18)
 - It is one of God’s measurements of true **greatness** (43,44)
 - It opens the door to blessing and **uniting people together** (45)

► QUESTION: In my leading, why do I lead? _____

B. A Team Ministry Leadership Model

1. Plurality of leadership with **equality** of authority
2. A specific move away from a **hierarchical** authority structure
3. Our process in moving toward this has been slow & **deliberate**

C. Biblical Support for A Team Leadership Model

1. We read of the **team** model throughout the New Testament
2. The early churches were led by a **plurality** of elders
3. There is a case to be made for **equal** authority among elders
 - We know of no hierarchical structure among the apostles
 - We do not read of a hierarchy existing among church elders

D. Advantages of A Team Leadership Model

1. Promotes our belief that Jesus Christ is the **Chief** Shepherd
2. Elders must **prayerfully** work together to discern Christ's leading
3. Helps guard against the temptations & abuses that can come with an **exalted** leader
4. Guards against **dependency** on one man
5. Promotes **mutual** submission, relationship, and accountability
6. Gives great opportunity to model for the Body true **humility** that 'gives preference to one another in honor' (Ro 12:10/Phil 2:3/1 Pt 5:3)
7. Honors the biblical principle of **wisdom** in multiple counselors

Personal Response What is my part —

- 1) Fervent **prayer**
- 2) Faithful **service**

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Life Group Discussion Questions
Week of January 16, 2022

Read Mark 10:35-45 together.

1. What should our motivation be for leadership in the Church?
2. What Biblical support is there for a team or plural model of church leadership?
3. What are the advantages of a team leadership model?

How can we pray for you this week?