

Ken Blanchard – Lead like Jesus

Ken wrote a book and leads an organization called “Lead Like Jesus”. His organization promotes Jesus’ servant leadership as a powerful role model for business organizations. Ken pointed out that “Jesus is the greatest leadership role model of all time.” The following questions will help you apply this servant-leadership model to all of your relationships, whether at work, at home, or wherever you go

1. Ken told us that the first responsibility of a leader is to establish vision and goals. Goals should come mostly from the input of those being led. Have you done this with your wife? Have you done this with your children? Have you let them help set the agenda?
2. The term “servant leadership” should emphasize the word “servant.” Ken reminded us that Jesus demonstrated this leadership model when he washed the disciples’ feet. Think of an action you could take to demonstrate this same type of leadership to your wife and children. Add it to your “Trajectory Plan”.
3. Ken reminded us that our egos can greatly affect our leadership. Either extremes of self-confidence or self-doubt can prevent the development of healthy relationships at home and at work. We tend to be reluctant to admit our mistakes or unable to ask forgiveness for them. Think of a situation in your life in which you have seen this happen. If you are a part of a group, share your observations with them.
4. Ken told us that there is nothing wrong with wanting to make money, obtain recognition, and seek power. The problem comes when your self-worth is reliant on these things. Wealth, popularity, and power then become more important than God or your relationships. What is your self-worth based on?
5. Ken told us of the importance of solitude. He described how Jesus needed time alone with God and practiced it regularly. It was key to his servant leadership. If your leadership is to be like Jesus, it is crucial that you find this time in your schedule. Write down a schedule note for this on your “Trajectory Plan”.