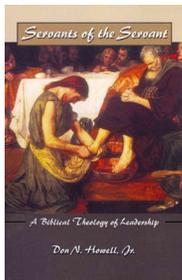




WELCOME TO SERVANT LEADERSHIP!

A Good Question to Start: Why are you here?

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DEFINING SERVANT LEADERSHIP

*"Biblical Leadership is taking the **initiative** to **influence** people to grow in holiness and to passionately promote the extension of God's kingdom in the world. . . . Those who stand out in Scripture as leaders are designated, first of all, 'servants of the Lord.'"*

Howell, *Servants of the Servant*, 3

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DESCRIBING SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Over the course of the semester, we will study a number of passages, principles, and personalities from the Bible, but we will continually focus on the greatest and most effective servant leader—Jesus Christ.

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BASIN THEOLOGY

Being willing to serve like Jesus, doing whatever needs to be done.

*¹Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵Then 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. . . . ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an **example**, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.*

John 13:1-5,13-17 (ESV)

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5 DYNAMIC DISCIPLINES OF THE SERVANT LEADER

Look! Servant Leaders **see** how God is working and engage to do whatever needs to be done.

. . . the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. John 5:19

Listen! Servant leaders **seek** to hear how God is speaking and what others are saying.

A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was the greatest . . . But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest; and the leader as one who serves.
Luke 22:24, 26

Learn! Servant leaders **study** the Word of God, the ways of God, the way God has uniquely shaped your life and journey, and the way He is leading you in the current season.

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 . . . John 13:3

Love! Servant leaders love without limits with tangible acts of service – just like Jesus.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:34-35

Live! Servant leaders live a **lifestyle** of serving like Jesus – clearly, confidently, compellingly, and consistently.

For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. . . . If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. John 13:15, 17

We live our **best** and most **blessed** life when we are serving like Jesus.

The Servant Leadership Challenge: Take Up Your Towel!

DEMONSTRATING SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Making it Personal: Questions for Reflection and Discussion

The Servant Leader's **Calling**

HOW has God uniquely created and called you?

The Servant Leader's **Character**

WHO are you becoming?

The Servant Leader's **Competencies**

WHAT do you need to be effective to use your gifts, abilities, experiences, and talents to influence others?

The Servant Leader's **Context**

WHERE has God used you in the past?
WHERE has God uniquely positioned you in the present?

The Servant Leader's **Commitment**

HOW do you sense God is leading you to take next steps in your leadership journey?
Are you willing to take the next step?