

## Signs Of A Healthy Church: Servant-Leadership

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### Luke 22:24-27

#### Using This Study

##### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

##### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

##### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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## ① EXAMINE His Word

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What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

### Read Luke 22:24-27(NET)

<sup>24</sup> A dispute also started among them over which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.

<sup>25</sup> So Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’

<sup>26</sup> Not so with you; instead the one who is greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the one who serves.

<sup>27</sup> For who is greater, the one who is seated at the table, or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is seated at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

## ② EXPLORE His Word

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What does God MEAN?

1. How would you describe the Gentile style of leadership?
2. Why do you think the Disciples had such a difficult time understand this?
3. Do the two terms “servanthood” and “leader” seem antithetical?

Why or why not?

4. How would you describe “servanthood” on the part of a leader?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Are leaders equal members of the body of Christ? Or does their position give them status at another level?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Is it the role of leaders to just equip the members of the body or do they do the work also?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. To what degree should leaders be compensated or should they be compensated at all?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. How do leaders guard from lording their authority over their followers?

## **③ EMBRACE His Word**

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Why does this MATTER to me?

### **Summarize your thoughts on the passage:**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

### **Sermon Notes**

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