

The Heart of Jesus is to Serve Sacrificially

Introduction: Jesus came to serve and give His life as a ransom for many – Mark 10:45

1. Jesus combats erroneous concepts of leadership
 - A. At the revelation of His death – Mark 10:32-45
 - 1) Jesus reveals His death and resurrection will be soon – vs. 32-34
 - 2) James and John make an audacious request – vs. 35-37
 - 3) Jesus response to their request – vs. 38-40
 - a. You don't know what you are asking
 - b. You will pay the price for leadership
 - c. Only God can grant this request
 - 4) The rest of the disciples are indignant with James and John – vs. 41
 - 5) Authority in the kingdom of God must be very different than the view of the world we live in – vs. 42-44
 - 6) Jesus reveals His mission to serve sacrificially – vs. 45
 - B. In the upper room at the Last Supper – Luke 22:24-30
 - 1) The dispute about who is the greatest – vs. 24
 - 2) Leading is not about intimidation or status – vs. 25
 - 3) Leading is associated with service and not with privilege – vs. 26
 - 4) Jesus is our example – vs. 27
 - 5) The disciples would be entrusted with leadership, but needed to understand what that meant – vs. 28-30
 - C. By washing the disciple's feet – John 13:1-17
 - 1) Jesus took the place of the lowest servant in washing their feet – vs. 1-11
 - 2) Jesus asks, "Do you understand?" – vs. 12
 - 3) Leadership still deserves respect – vs. 13
 - 4) We are to follow the example of Jesus – vs. 14-15
 - 5) We are but messengers and servants even in positions of leadership – vs. 16
 - 6) We must live with a servant heart – vs. 17
2. A servant heart is the heart of Christ
 - A. Being drawn by the appeal of power, authority or status is not consistent with the heart of Christ
 - 1) We must have the mind of Christ – Philippians 2:3-8
 - a. Always consider others – vs. 3-4
 - b. Have the mind of Christ – vs. 5-8
 - B. We must always be willing to serve others
 - C. We must be willing to sacrifice for others