



Leadership – Be a servant

“If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also must wash one another’s feet. For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.” – John 13:14-15. Leading by example in humility is servant leadership. Jesus introduced a Christian worldview that was in stark contrast to the common understanding of leadership.

Dad - Underline a rating on how well your dad practiced servant leadership thru:

Coming to the aid of friends;	...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
Selfless service for family priorities;	...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
Love for your mother;	...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
Service to the church; and	...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>
Service in the community.	...	<i>low</i>	...	<i>so-so</i>	...	<i>high</i>

Student - Circle a rating on the level of servant leadership your dad exemplifies today for each category.

(Dad - encourage honesty and listen well to the ratings. Accept affirmation and steer clear of being defensive.)

Dad - Give a specific example on where you rated your dad *high*, and another where the rating is *low* or *so-so*.

Student - Do the same.

Discussion time:

Why did Jesus validate Himself as ‘the Lord and the Teacher’?

- Discuss the reason for such a validation.
- What is the significance of Jesus’ position?

What example did Jesus provide for His disciples?

- What might the disciples have been expecting?
- Discuss the purpose behind His action.

What examples of servant leadership look have you studied or witnessed?

The men that signed the Declaration of Independence certainly led by example pledging their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

- Would you consider our founding fathers servant leaders? Discuss
- Discuss other examples of servant leadership:
 - United States soldiers; police & fire fighters; teachers; parents
 - What qualities make a servant leader worth following?

We commit to: _____

Prayer: Lord, servant leadership seems to be a contradiction of terms. Yet You married the two words as if they should be one. Thank You for Your example. In this world where WIFMs (What’s in it for me) rule, it is certainly counter cultural to lead selflessly and sacrificially. In Your strength I choose to follow Your example as I step up to be Your representative in my home. Equip me as a man, husband and father to lead as You led, to submit as You submitted and glorify the Father in every situation, decision and relationship before me. Amen.