

Sunday, November 13, 2022

## Leadership; Shepherds, Leaders, Administrators

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### Matthew 20:20-28

Gift. The gifts of **leadership**.

Leadership. What is a leader? How does Jesus define leadership?

“Jesus flips the script in leadership”

-“Flip the script”; reversing what is prescribed or commonly outlined. Jesus did this often... Taking a seemingly upside-down approach to his teaching and making it right-side up.

Jesus had to teach and show the disciples what true leadership was, and hopefully we can **flip the script in leadership**

One of my professors in bible school said this, *“success is not by how successful you are, but how successful you make others”* Dr. Dave Pastrell

In our text this morning, I can relate on a few different levels. 1. I can see my mom pulling Jesus aside and saying the same thing. 2. I can see myself in James and John, as well as the other disciples.

Testify- For a long time, Success as Leader was always about me. I would not of said that then, but hindsight is 20/20. I looked up to and wanted to be the guy that had a huge church, a large platform, and an expanded influence. This doesn't seem so bad; larger influence means more people, a large church means more people I can teach about Jesus. I would be lying if I didn't say **I had dreams of going to 2 services and resourcing & planting churches up and down the central coast within the first 3yrs of me being here.** However, I knew soon after I got here, when **Jesus told me to forget the leadership I knew with all it's vision and values, strategies & structures** that I have learned over the years, and to simply listen to him, that this replant would

look very different. The first of which was instilling a deep honor and respect for the faithfulness of the people here... and I love that he did that because it started a process of redefining what a true leader is. Why? Because **"Jesus flips the script on leadership"**

**Vs. 20-21, Paint the scene.** We see in vs. 24, Not far from the other disciples

**Read Vs. 22, "The cup"** referring to your lot in life... *"The cup in Scripture is symbolic of one's divinely determined destiny"*<sup>1</sup>

"My Father, if it be possible, let **this cup** pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." Matthew 26:39

When you take Jesus' cup, it means, at the very least, **sacrificial.**

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? Matthew 16:24-26

This is for all... not just Leaders. But how much more for leaders? This is where **"Jesus flips the script on leadership"**

**Read vs. 23-28. Sacrificial servants.** SOOO different than what is defined as "leadership" today.

Jesus exemplifies this sacrificial servanthood by his life. He washed his disciples feet as an example! He gave his life for us **(GOSPEL).**

It's time for us to **flip the script in leadership**

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11

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<sup>1</sup> ESV Study Bible, Notes from vs. 22-23

About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword Acts 12:1-2

John, who wrote the Gospel of John, 1-3 John and Revelation, according to church history, was boiled in oil for his faith but somehow lived.

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**May we be leaders, sacrificial servants to the glory of God!**

**Communion**