

# WE VALUE \_\_\_\_\_.

## PART 1: EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP

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### Sermon Notes

**Text: Mark 10:35-45**

#### Introduction:

Every person lives by a set of values...those values guide your behaviour.

Notes about values:

- 1) Values and behaviours are different things.
- 2) Some values are obvious ("permission to play" values). We must emphasize those values that make us unique.
- 3) Values are not created; they are discerned.

We Value ***Empowering Leadership***

**BIG IDEA:** *We empower leaders who empower others to do the ministry God has called them to do.*

#### 1. Empowering Leaders focus on the things only they can do

v. 45 "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Only Jesus could be the saviour of the world.

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Ephesians 4:12-13 "...equip the saints for the work of ministry"  
2 Timothy 4:5 "...discharge all the duties of your ministry."  
Acts 6 - delegating to deacons

#### 2. Empowering Leaders serve sacrificially

v. 43-44 "whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all."

"Servant Leadership" - Coined by Robert Greenleaf. Modelled by Jesus.

"True greatness, true leadership, is found in giving yourself in service to others, not coaxing or inducing others to serve you"  
~J. Oswald Sanders

Philippians 2:6-7 "Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant."

#### 3. Empowering Leaders know that true power comes from Jesus

Jesus before Pilate: authority comes from God.

Matthew 28:18 "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Acts 1:8 "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you

"I define spiritual leadership as knowing where God wants people to be and taking the initiative to use God's methods to get them there in reliance on God's power" ~John Piper

#### Conclusion

"The only authority deserving one's allegiance is that which is freely and knowingly granted by the led to the leader in

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response to, and in proportion to, the clearly evident servant nature of the leader” ~Robert Greenleaf

Jesus was the greatest servant; therefore, he deserves our total allegiance.

## Life Group Discussion

1. Warm up: What does it mean to be a leader? Describe the best and worst leader you’ve ever known.
  
2. What jobs does Jesus have that we can’t do? What jobs has he empowered us to do? How does Jesus “empower” us? How can Christian leaders “empower” others?
  
3. What is “Servant Leadership”? How can a leader be a servant? Does being a servant mean you have to let people get away with abusing you? How does Jesus’ life model servant leadership?
  
4. Read Acts 6:1-7. What does this passage tell you about leadership? What does it say about the focus of leaders? What does it say about service? What does it say about empowerment? How can we apply it to church contexts today?

5. Pray together:

- a) Pray for your leaders (church, school, work, government).
- b) Pray for a church empowered to do the ministry God has called them to do.
- c) Other requests:
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