



## Week 9 Lesson Plan: Jesus - The Servant Leader

- Define servant leadership.
- Reflect on how Jesus' example can be applied to their own lives.
- Understand more completely the concept of sacrifice as a part of servant leadership.

### Servant Leadership

- "What qualities do you associate with a good leader?"
- "What are some examples of leaders you admire, and why?"
- Servant Leadership is a leadership philosophy where the leader's primary goal is to serve others.

### Biblical Foundation

- Read and discuss relevant biblical passages:
  - **Mark 10:42-45:** Jesus teaches his disciples about true greatness through serving. ("For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.")
  - **John 13:1-17:** Jesus washes his disciples' feet, demonstrating humility and service. ("Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.")
  - **Philippians 2:5-8:** Paul encourages believers to have the same attitude as Christ, who humbled himself and became a servant. (self-emptying and obedience.)
- Thoughts for Journaling:
  - What are the key characteristics of Jesus' leadership demonstrated in these passages?
  - How did Jesus redefine the concept of leadership?
  - What does "wash one another's feet" mean in a modern context?
  - What does it mean to have the same mindset of Christ?

### Key Characteristics of Jesus' Servant Leadership

- Examples of Jesus' Servant Leadership:
  - **Humility:** Jesus consistently placed the needs of others before his own.
  - **Sacrifice:** Jesus gave his life for others.



- **Compassion:** Jesus showed empathy and care for the marginalized and suffering.
  - **Love:** Jesus' actions were motivated by love for God and humanity.
  - **Empowerment:** Jesus equipped his disciples to serve others.
  - **Obedience:** Jesus was obedient to God's will.
  - **Selflessness:** Jesus consistently placed others first.
- How is sacrifice a part of servant leadership? How does the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus relate to this concept?

### Application and Reflection and Journal

- How can we apply Jesus' example to their own lives?
  - "How can we demonstrate humility in our daily interactions?"
  - "How can we serve others in your family, work, or community?"
  - "How can we show compassion to those who are suffering?"
  - "What sacrifices might be required to serve others effectively?"