

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

A Message of Hope and Fulfillment For Those Longing For God

Servant Leadership

Luke 22:24-38

The Kingdom of God is as unusual as the God of the Kingdom. Jesus has every right to demand worship, reverence, and homage; instead He becomes the Servant of all. Not only does He lead from the posture of a servant, He insists that His followers, especially those who would become leaders, model servanthood. Those who desire to be great in His Kingdom must learn the lesson of humble leadership from the ministry of service.

I. Who Is The Greatest In The Kingdom?

- A. A strange argument on the eve of Jesus' crucifixion: He is contemplating His death, they are arguing over key positions in the coming kingdom
- B. Jesus interrupts their dispute with a lesson from the worldly rulers
- C. The greatest takes the lowly position of the younger; the leader takes the role of servant; the diner becomes the waiter
- D. He has shaped and discipled these men from the beginning to be key leaders in the coming Kingdom—it is important for them to learn how to lead the right way

II. A Special Lesson For Peter *The Rock!*

- A. Satan has demanded to have you
- B. Jesus, our Intercessor
- C. There is successful ministry after failure
- D. Hazards of self-confidence

III. The Mission Defines The Strategy

- A. The previous Gospel mission
- B. The present risk in crisis
- C. Jesus will be treated like a criminal

CONCLUSION: The new Kingdom requires different attitudes and a different kind of confidence. It is a kingdom where the heart of a servant is a prized criteria for leadership. It is a kingdom where no confidence is placed in one's self, but totally in the King of Kings for success. It is a kingdom that enjoys the ministry of King Jesus as our Faithful Intercessor, the One Who remembers us before the throne day and night. Are you fit for service in this kingdom?

A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

"You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment." And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

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