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Andy and Christie Kirk have three children, and they live on the Gold Coast of Australia. Andy is the Director of Families at Glow Church as well as the National Leader of Children's Ministry for the ACC (Australian Christian Churches). Together, Andy and Christie have been innovating and changing the landscape of Children's Ministry for the last 19 years together. From leading locally in churches, overseeing multi-site ministries, and years of mentoring and consulting churches, their experience of Kids & Families Ministry is extensive. Both Andy and Christie are passionate about empowering people to live out all they were created to do by matching people's potential with God's possibilities.

“Jesus, our ultimate model of servant leadership, emphasizes that greatness is achieved, not through the pursuit of power, but by embracing the role of a humble servant.”

REACT

Jesus exemplifies the life of a servant leader by humbling himself to serve those around him. As a leader, you are called first to Christ, then to one another, and then to a position of leadership within his body. Servant leadership doesn't even require a position. You can love, serve, and support in every situation.

As you look at this progression, how does your leadership style compare?

“So Jesus called them together and said, ‘You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else.’ – Mark 10:42-44

Jesus held all authority and power, yet he came not demanding to be served but expressing God's love through his death on a cross.





THINK ABOUT HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE. DO YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS CAUSE PEOPLE TO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GOD?

REFLECT

Jesus taught his disciples, "And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet." —John 13:14

How would it impact your day if you demonstrated through words and actions that you held others as more important than yourself? How can you "wash the feet" of everyone you encounter?

To be a servant leader often requires a shift from being task-oriented to being people-oriented. Your desire for achievement even in spiritual matters can have you running so fast you miss the people you are called to serve.

"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." —Philippians 2:3-4

RESPOND

It is easy to see your own desires and plans when it comes to advancing the kingdom of God. But God calls you to focus on others and their needs.

True service as a leader is tied to your willingness to see others as God sees them and to set aside your own plans and strategies to serve them completely. Evidence that you have experienced the love of God is seen when you demonstrate that love to others.

REVIEW

- We are called to be servant leaders.
- Service is expressed in considering the interests of others before your own.
- To lead like Jesus is to love lavishly and sacrificially.



MEMORIZE

"LOVE EACH OTHER WITH GENUINE AFFECTION, AND TAKE DELIGHT IN HONORING EACH OTHER." —ROMANS 12:10

ACTION STEPS

- Write down the names of three people and how you can serve them this week.
- Commit to slowing down to notice the opportunities to serve.
- Ask God to give you his eyes to see those around you more clearly.