

# The Person & Work of God the Son

## Study 7

Reading the Gospels we discover that Jesus chose to live His life on earth as a humble servant. One of the ways that Jesus demonstrated that servant nature is that He refused to “lord over” His followers. Instead, He led them by serving them.

### 1) Jesus, the servant-leader

Jesus told the disciples...

*“But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

*Matthew 20:25-28*

In the leadership model practiced by unbelievers the person in charge simply bosses people around. The boss says “jump” and the employee says, “how high?” Why do you think Jesus chose a different approach to lead His followers?

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### 2) You, a servant-leader

You’ve probably heard someone say, “*do as I say, not as I do.*” However, the apostle Paul told his friends at Corinth to...

*“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” ~ 1 Corinthians 11:1*

Why is teaching by example so effective training others?

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### 3) Leadership styles

The goal of worldly leadership models is to *control* employees. However, Jesus’ approach is to *equip* His followers. How does equipping people produce better results than controlling them?

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4) Jesus, a humble servant

*"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross." ~ Philippians 2:5-8*

As God, Jesus has every right to force us to follow and serve Him. Why do you think He chose to lead us with humility instead?

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5) Humility or pride?

The same humble Jesus that Paul described in the verse we just read also said that He is the Messiah (John 4:26), the only way to Heaven (John 14:6), and even claimed to be God (John 8:58)! How can Jesus be humble and make those claims?

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6) False humility

Give an example that demonstrates the difference between true humility and false humility:

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7) True humility

Tell the group how you would receive a compliment for something you've done well while remaining humble about your accomplishment.

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