

# MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP

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EP31

## Kingdom Leadership: Why God Promotes a Leader

### FOR THE GROUP LEADER

These notes have been designed to disciple leaders in round the table small group discussions.

What is in *ITALICS* is meant to be read out loud.

*Welcome to this week's Mustard Seed Leadership discussion. The current series is*  
**"KINGDOM LEADERSHIP"**

### STEP #1: ACCOUNTABILITY

*Let's get started. The topic of discussion today is*  
**"The God Promoted Leader"** *But before we start on the new topic, we will usually hold each other accountable about last weeks*

*action step.*

*Since this is the first in the series, let's go straight to the notes.*

## STEP #2: READ THE NOTES

**Option 1:** Let each person in the group take turns reading a section (Each section is marked with a ). **READER #** Go clockwise starting with the Group Leader, and highlight or underline what catches your attention.

**Option 2:** The leader reads all the sections.

**Option 3:** Watch the video.

[https://youtu.be/ojQzK0F\\_RSQ](https://youtu.be/ojQzK0F_RSQ)

## READER 1

## ***Lesson 2: The God Promoted Leader***

***"Kingdom leadership draws authority from kingdom promotion"***

## ***What is Kingdom promotion?***

### ***Philippians 2:9-11 (NLT)***

*9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

#### **READER 2**

***Kingdom promotion is when God elevates or enlarges your:***

- Reputation*
- Authority*
- Inheritance*
- The glory you bring His Name*

*‘When you see a **‘therefore’** you have to ask what it is there for’*

## **Why did God elevate or promote Jesus to:**

1. *Place of greatest honor or reputation*
2. *Greatest authority*
3. *Greatest inheritance?*

### READER 3

***And is it possible for us to experience that same ‘therefore’ in our own life and leadership?***

### ***Philippians 2:5 (NLT)***

5 “You must have the same **attitude** that Christ Jesus had.”

***His ATTITUDE quite literally led to his ALTITUDE***

*Adopting his same attitude is the pathway to his altitude or promotion - that’s what we should be putting our faith in!*

**BIG IDEA:** *Kingdom promotion follows Kingdom attitude*

An attitude is a way of thinking. What was the pattern of thinking that governed Jesus' life?

READER 4

**le. What does a Kingdom Attitude look like?**

***Philippians 2:6-8 (NLT)***

*6 Though he was God,  
he did not think of equality with God  
as something to cling to.*

*7 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,  
8 he humbled himself in obedience to God  
and died a criminal's death on a cross.*

READER 5

## **1. Jesus had an attitude of **OPEN HANDEDNESS****

- *Jesus did not cling to his rights or privileges*
- *He was not tight fisted*
- *Special perks and privileges are so dangerous because they quickly lead to entitlement*
- *It is an attitude of 'I choose to give up all special treatment'*

## **2. Jesus had an attitude of **SERVE AT THE LOWEST LEVEL****

- *Not serve to be seen*
- *But serve to worship God*
- *It is an attitude of 'There is no task beneath me'*

### **READER 6**

## **3. Jesus had an attitude of **OBEDIENCE NO MATTER THE COST****

- *The greatest test of humility is not how you handle praise - but how you handle commands.*
- *Pride justifies why a command of God does not apply to you.*

- *True humility is seen in true submission to God's Word.*
- *It is an attitude of 'I want to volunteer myself for every command and not try and excuse myself'*

## READER 7

***So why are more leaders not experiencing greater levels of God promotion?***

***What is the biggest hindrance to a Kingdom Attitude?***

### ***John 13:3-5 (NLT)***

*3 Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. 4 **So** he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, 5 and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.*

*In a single word? **INSECURITY***

**INSECURITY keeps us:**

- *Closed fist, clinging to our rights and privileges that show others how important we are - 'I'm a Jewish citizen, let a foreign conquered slave wash my feet.'*
- *From serving others when our pride wants others to be serving us - 'would my team respect me if they saw me kneeling down to wash their feet?'*
- *Justifying why we are excused from fully obeying the prompts of the Holy Spirit - 'surely God means I should symbolically wash their feet and not actually!?'*

**BIG IDEA:** *It takes a secure leader to be a servant leader*

**BIG IDEA:** *It takes being a servant leader to become a God promoted leader*

**Challenge:** *Are you secure enough to serve or insecure enough to need to be served?*



### STEP #3: SHARE YOUR HIGHLIGHT

*Now let's go around the group and take turns sharing what stood out to you the most from what we read. **What stood out to you and why?***

### STEP #4: EVALUATION

*I am going to ask each of you in turn to evaluate yourself (From a 5 which is **EXCELLENT**, down to a 1 meaning **LOTS OF WORK NEEDED!**) on how well you are doing in the area of this topic and then share this with the group and why you chose this score.*

### STEP #5: ACTION

*Lastly, let's go around the group and answer this question: What action step can you take to grow in the area of this topic by next week? Ask each member to share a practical action step and date*

*of action. Make sure the Group Leader and the individual write them down for next week's accountability step.*

## CLOSING

A great way to close off is to pair up briefly for a moment of prayer. Pray for each other that you will succeed in your action steps. Thank everyone for coming and committing to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

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