



David: Pt. 4; THE GREAT KING

Few things are as repulsive as a leader, parent, boss, or politician who leverages influence for his or her benefit to the neglect of those he or she is responsible for. Few things are as inspiring as a leader who says no to himself or herself in order to say yes to those for whom he or she is responsible. So how can we lead well when authority is placed in our hands?

Bottom Line: When you're the most powerful person in the room, look for feet to wash. Leverage your power for the benefit of the other people in the room.

Discussion Questions:

1. Talk about a leader, boss, or coach that was influential in your life. What was it about that person that made him or her influential?
2. **Read 1 Samuel 16:7.** To what extent do you think our culture looks at outward appearance as a qualification for leadership instead of the heart?
3. Talk about a time when you were given authority and didn't lead well? What happened?
4. During the message, we learned that when we wield authority, it should be based on God's will, God's way, and in God's time. Do you agree? Why or why not?
5. **Read John 13:3–15.** If you had been in that room with Jesus and his disciples, how do you think you would have responded to what Jesus did? Why would you have responded that way?
6. In what area of your life do you currently have authority? What is one thing you can do this week to leverage your power for the benefit of the people you lead? How can this group support you?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?