

Dodgeball Story

Matthew 20:20-28

Describe the image that pops into your head when you hear the phrase “Servant Leader.”

We don’t refer to people as “servants” in our modern culture. In your view, what’s the modern equivalent of a servant?

Can everyone be a servant?

Can everyone be a leader?

How can a leader be a servant?

How can a servant be a leader?

Can everyone earn money?

Can everyone give money away for goods and services?

Do you think servant leadership could work a little like currency? ...in some circles you’re a follower and the leader serves you as you follow, and in other circles you’re a leader and you serve others while they follow...

When something amazing happens to you, there’s a sense in which that becomes the “new normal.” Have you ever experienced this?

- Example, one time I got an extra dessert, so now I’m hoping for that every time
- One time I got to pick the teams, so now I’m hoping for that every time.
- One time I scored the winning goal, and now I’m not satisfied until it happens again
- Other examples??

Read description of narcissism (next page) and discuss.

What type of narcissism do you lean more towards?

Discuss:

Servant Leadership is the only proper way to live. Either God is God, or self is god.

When you properly recognize your smallness in relation to God’s infinite greatness, how can you then go out into the world as an empowered person? How can you avoid becoming either a grandiose or vulnerable narcissist?

Servant leadership is the only proper balance to life. Sometimes you lead, and serve the ones who follow, and sometimes you follow, being served by those who lead.

Servant leadership is like currency, being passed around in various forms. The more it’s passed around, the more the community will flourish. When servant leadership is the origin of flourishing, good energy is released. The balance begins to tip towards the good. God is honored, and there is peace.

Somebody look up narcissism on WebMD:

Types of Narcissism

There are two different types of narcissism that narcissistic behavior can fall under. The two types can have common traits but come from different childhood experiences. The two types also dictate the different ways people will behave in relationships.

Grandiose Narcissism

People with this behavior were most likely treated as if they were superior or above others during childhood. These expectations can follow them as they become adults. They tend to brag and be elitist. Those with grandiose narcissism are aggressive, dominant, and exaggerate their importance. They are very self-confident and aren't sensitive.

Vulnerable Narcissism

This behavior is usually the result of childhood neglect or abuse. People with this behavior are much more sensitive. Narcissistic behavior helps to protect them against feelings of inadequacy. Even though they go between feeling inferior and superior to others, they feel offended or anxious when others don't treat them as if they're special.