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# Chaos, Calm and Hope

As Christ-followers, we don't just show the way, we lead the way. But what does it look like for all of us to lead? How do we lead from where God has us right now? Let's look at some real-life examples from the Bible and learn how it's done.



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## INTRODUCTION

Pastor David introduced the Lead the Way sermon series today by discussing the realities of leadership and looking to Jesus' example of washing his disciples' feet. Over the next seven weeks, we will look into the lives of seven Bible characters and learn how to lead the way.

## STARTER QUESTION

Discuss modern day actions that you think are equivalent to washing the feet of others? What does Jesus' foot washing example say to you about leadership?

## INTO THE WORD

Read John 13:1-17

Describe someone in your life that has been a good example of a servant leader. Discuss other Biblical characters you think represent servant leaders.

Read John 13:34. Discuss Jesus' command. Why is it so hard to love others, even as followers of Jesus? What are some things you've learned about what it means to express Christian love?

Growth, not perfection, is required in order to lead. Pastor David mentioned that several of the disciples were not perfect, but grew in their leadership. What can we learn from the example of these disciples (Matthew, Phillip, and Simon)? How do we grow, and what should we do if we feel that we have stopped growing?

## APPLICATION

Do you see yourself as a leader? Why or why not? Did some of the ideas pastor David shared about influence change any of your ideas about leadership? If so, how? In your group, discuss where you might be an influencer in areas you haven't considered.

Pastor David spoke about leading the way in the world versus the Kingdom. Discuss your thoughts on the differences between the two ways of leading. What are some changes you think you should make to be more in the Kingdom way of leading? What do you think a salt-like influence should look like in today's culture?

How can we influence our culture by absorbing chaos, creating calm, and providing hope?

## PRAYER

As the salt and the light of the world, we have many opportunities to be great leaders and influencers. As you pray this week, ask God to show you the areas in which he's called you to have an influence, and ask him to take your servant leadership and use it to change the world.