

GLCAC Sunday school – Fall 2013  
Spiritual Discipline and Servant Leadership

**Session 2 The essence (精义) of spiritual leadership**

Scripture reading: Mark 10: 32-45 (太 20:17-28)

Secular vs. spiritual leaders (Mark 10:42-44)

Scripture reading: Colossians 2:6-25

Values, assumptions, and principles from God's perspective! (1 Colossians 2:8)

Warning against:

- “hollow and deceptive philosophy” – not rationalism - the world or my mind decides what is right
- “human tradition” – not traditionalism – the way we or others did it before is right
- “basic principles of this world” – not pragmatism – if it works it must be right

Affirmation: “rather ... on Christ” – dependence – His wisdom and strength make things work out right

Scripture reading: Matthew 23: 1-32

The servant leadership model (Mt 23):

Value:

- Do not be called leaders; for One is your leader, that is, Christ (Mt. 23:10)
- But the greatest among you shall be your servant (Mt. 23:11)
- And whoever exalt himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted (Mt. 23:12)
- “Not that we lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are standing firm” (2 Cor 1:24)
- “For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake” (2 Cor 4:5)
- “Nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but providing to be examples to the flock” (1 Peter 5:3)

Five driving values for:

Power leadership model

Standardization  
Conformity  
Pragmatism  
Productivity  
Centralization (control)

Servant leadership model

Diversity  
Empowerment  
Scripture-centered  
Authenticity  
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