

Title: **Servant Leader**

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2

Key Words: Servant – committed to another, work, help, do
 Leader – influencer, frontrunner, director, trailblazer
 Christian – Christ like

Introduction:

- Christ came to be an example of service Matt 20:28
- We are to follow in His footsteps John 12:26; 1 Pet 2:21
 - o Serve – work, provide, do
 - o Leader – example to others, frontrunner, director, trailblazer
 - o Christian is one who is Christ-like
- Christian servant leadership should be our goal to all service
- God uses all people to serve and lead others for Christ

Background: Calling of God Rom 11:29
 Mercy of God Rom 11:31, 32
 God is all and all Rom 11:36

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-2

The Paul tells the Roman church, “*I beseech you therefore*”.

Big Idea: Today we will look at four aspect to what it means to be a true servant leader for Christ and His church.

Outline:

I We serve by God mercies v.1

Mercies - compassion, kindness

God’s goal towards all

- We are who we are by the mercies of God
- We do what we do by the mercies of God
- We serve not by our ability but by God’s mercy

II We present ourselves to God for service v.1

Present – to give over, hand yourself over to another

- a. Living sacrifice
 - a. Living – alive, breathing, existing, active
 - b. Sacrifice – cost, surrender
 - c. Servant leadership is a living sacrifice to God

- b. Holy – clean and pure, consecrated, sanctified

- c. Acceptable – sin confessed, adequate, satisfactory
- d. Reasonable – balanced, according to the need, sensible, practical, realistic

III We serve God and His kingdom v.2

Serve – work, provide, do

- a. Do not be conformed
 - Not the world
 - Not the ruler of this world
- b. Two different focus
 - Made new
 - changed
- c. Transformation
 - Made new
 - Changed from old to a new way of living
- d. Renewing our minds
 - Changed one thinking
 - Focused on Christ
 - Our attitude is that Jesus Christ is the way and truth

IV Our service proves who we are v.2

Prove – demonstrate, verify, evidence

- a. Good – decent, respectable, moral, upright, virtuous ←
 - b. Acceptable – satisfactory, adequate ←
 - c. Perfect – faultless, flawless ←
- Will of God

Conclusion:

Review four main points.

All are called to ministry and our ministry is to serve others.

Servant leadership is leading others to Christ Jesus and to be empowerment by the Holy Spirit for service.