

# Serving in Multicultural Ministry, 2022

## Session 1

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“He who is Greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Matt 23:11-12 NKJV).



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### **Key Scripture (Matt 20:25-28 KJV)**

<sup>25</sup>But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. <sup>26</sup>But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; <sup>27</sup>And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: <sup>28</sup>Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

### **Instructional Overview**

#### **Big Ideas**

- The seven pillars for a servant of the Lord guide right attitudes and actions leading to Spirit-driven pastoral leadership in all realms of influence: personal, home, church, workplace, and community. Most critically, a pastor must serve God and then others.
- Serving to lead does not represent a paradox; rather it signals an attitude of submission to the Christ-centered model of His leading vertically for one leading horizontally.
- Servant leadership encompasses the focus of serving as one who exhibits the leadership qualities of each pillar. In pastoral leadership, this takes on greater significance and demands greater accountability as you hold up covering (Luke 12:48 KJV).

#### **Essential Questions**

- How can a leader interpret and apply the seven pillars of the Lord into personal, pastoral leadership?
- What spiritual attitude and behavior does a pastoral leader need to demonstrate to become a servant of the Lord?

#### **Learning Outcomes**

- Students (individually) will exegete meanings of identified words associated with provided scriptures for each pillar of a servant of the Lord, and then identify right attitudes and behaviors for servant pastors based on exegeted research with 80% accuracy.

## Introduction as Servant of the Lord

## Activity 1

### Brief

- Servant of the Lord overview
- Servant leader defined (Matt 20:25-28)

### Seven Pillars: Servant of the Lord

- **Pillar One.** A servant of the Lord belongs to God through covenant.
- **Pillar Two.** A servant of the Lord submits to His commission.
- **Pillar Three.** A servant of the Lord places the future in His hands.
- **Pillar Four.** A servant of the Lord follows God in faith.
- **Pillar Five.** A servant of the Lord speaks gentle truth.
- **Pillar Six.** A servant of the Lord trusts God.
- **Pillar Seven.** A servant of the Lord prevails with His commission.

A pillar holds up covering of the body—it protects, validates, and supports. As in the natural sense, it should be strong, upright, reinforced, and load bearing. A single pillar doesn't support much, but multiple reinforce the spiritual well being of a large and growing congregation.

### Team Reflection-Group Debrief

#### Directions

- Work in assigned teams. Students will envision themselves as a pastor.
- Then, each team will draw the answer to the below question representing the collective thoughts of their group.

**Question:** How do you see yourself as a pastor who is a servant of the Lord?

## Character of a Pastoral Servant of the Lord

## Activity 2

**KEY SCRIPTURE (first mention):** “And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham’s sake” (Gen 26:24 KJV).

### Individual Exegesis

In this lesson, you’ll learn about the character of a servant of the Lord by exegeting Scripture through different hermeneutical principles: context, first mention, progressive mention, and typical mention.

The *context principle* interprets a word or verse as determined by its context according to verse, passage, book, testament, and Bible. In context weaves together thoughts running through a portion or whole of Scripture (Conner & Malmin, 1983).

The *first mention principle* interprets a verse considering the first mention of a subject’s truth (Hartill, 1947). An initial occurrence, whether in the Old or New Testaments, brings meaning that runs throughout the Bible. It opens the pathway to full truth. Further, it sets the course of further revelation of truth in subsequent passages.

The *progressive mention principle* interprets a word, verse, or subject looking at subsequent occurrences (mentions) in Scripture. Therefore, each successive unfolds more detail for greater amplification, action, and clarification (Conner & Malmin, 1983).

The *typical mention principle* pertains to a type from the Old Testament that clearly revealed itself in the New Testament to show a divinely appointed illustration of some scriptural truth (Hartill, 1947; Segraves, 2001).

### Directions:

- Each student will respond to the question/s for the assigned pillar of the Lord through scriptural exegesis using Blue Letter Bible.org, and then apply the answer to the question to Right MEANING, Right THINKING, and Right APPLICATION (in leadership perspectives)..
- Write how the fruit of the Spirit undergird the characteristics of a servant of the Lord
- Tell which hermeneutical principle/s you used and how it helped you exegete meaning and understanding.
- Write on chart paper. The teacher will call on students to debrief their responses.

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<p><b>Pillar One.</b> A servant of the Lord belongs to God through covenant.</p> <p><b>What does “my” in the below verses mean?</b></p> <p><b>Scriptural Lookups</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>“my servant Abraham’s sake”</u> (Gen 26:24 KJV). (First mention verse for my servant—Servant of the Lord)</li> <li>• “I will send for Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, <u>My servant</u> [or agent to fulfill My designs]” (Jer 25:9 AMP)</li> </ul>			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “You whom I [the Lord] have taken from the ends of the earth and have called from the corners of it, and said to you, You are <u>My servant</u>—I have chosen you and not cast you off [even though you are exiled]” (Isa 41:9 KJV)</li> </ul> <p><b>What is a biblical covenant in the below passages?</b></p> <p>Gen 6:18 (First mention of covenant); 9:9-17; and 17</p>			
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<p><b>Pillar Two.</b> A servant of the Lord <u>submits to His commission.</u></p> <p>What does it mean to submit to God's commission? Think of biblical synonyms for submit in this context.</p> <p><b>Scripture Lookups</b>            "Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:" (Gen 12:1-4; cf. Matt 20:26; John 12:26)</p>			

<p>“So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.</p> <p><sup>16</sup> He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.</p> <p><sup>17</sup> He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.</p> <p><sup>18</sup> Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch</p>			
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<p>forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.</p> <p><sup>19</sup>This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me” (John 21:15-19).</p> <p>*Jesus said to follow Him 23 times in the New Testament.</p>			
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<p><b>Pillar Three.</b> A servant of the Lord <u>places the future in His hands.</u></p> <p><b>What does it mean to place the future in His hands?</b></p> <p><b>Scripture Lookups</b>            “And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I</p>			

<p>sware unto Abraham thy father;" (Gen 26:2-6).</p> <p>"Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses" (Josh 1:2-3).</p>			
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<p><b>Pillar Four.</b> A servant of the Lord follows God in <u>faith</u>.</p> <p><b>What does faith mean?</b></p> <p><b>Scripture Lookups</b></p> <p>“And, he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of” (Gen 22:2).</p> <p>“Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families,</p>			

<p>and kill the passover. <sup>22</sup>And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. <sup>23</sup>For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you” (Exod 12:21-23)</p>			
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<p><b>Pillar Five.</b> A servant of the Lord <u>speaks gentle truth</u>.</p> <p>How does a servant of the Lord speak truth gently? How does the Bible define truth?</p> <p><b>Scripture Lookups</b></p> <p>“He will not shout or raise his voice in public. He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. He will bring justice to all who have been wronged” (Isa 42:2-3 NLT).</p> <p>“Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one” (Col 4:6).</p>			

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<p><b>Pillar Six.</b> A servant of the Lord <u>trusts God</u>.</p> <p><b>What does it mean to trust in the Lord?</b></p> <p><b>Scripture Lookups</b>            “And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake” (Gen 26:24).</p>			

<p>“And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water” (Gen 26:32).</p>			
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<p><b>Pillar Seven.</b> A servant of the Lord <u>prevails with His commission.</u></p> <p><b>What does it mean to prevail in your commission?</b></p> <p><b>Scripture Lookups</b>            “He will not falter (H3543) or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth” (Isa 42:4 NLT).</p> <p><b>What New Testament verses progressively expand meaning of the Old Testament prevail?</b></p>			

**Individual Reflection**

**Directions:**

Each student has seven pieces of paper. Every card represents a pillar for serving the Lord. Examine yourself and write an attitude or behavior for each pillar you need to throw away in order to become a servant of the Lord as a pastor in a multicultural church.

**Report Out on Servant of the Lord (Group Discussion)**

Examine the charts you drew from the beginning of class. How did what you learned about the character of a servant of the Lord change?

**Close Out**

Pray out the pillars—Each person prays a pillar for 30 seconds.

**Syllabus Review**

**Serving in Multicultural Ministry Spring 2022— Homework, Session 1**  
**Homework—Due April 7, 2022**

E-mail your assignments Pastor Marrion ([marrion.de@comcast.net](mailto:marrion.de@comcast.net)). Please attach all assignments to one e-mail as separate documents. Label each file with your last name, name of the assignment, course abbreviation, and session number. For example: Barker.CharacterStudy.CAC.S1, Paron.Prayer.CAC.S1, and Paron.LeadershipApplication.CAC.S1.

Add an appropriate cover sheet to each. (See below. Begin halfway down your paper. Double space.)

Session 1 Character Study

Your Name

All Nations Leadership Institute

Session 1 Prayer

Your Name

All Nations Leadership Institute

Session 1 Leadership Application

Your Name

All Nations Leadership Institute

## Part A. Read (Thoroughly)

### Reader 1

*Uncovering Servant of the Lord* (<http://specs12.wordpress.com/2014/08/19/uncovering-the-meaning-of-servant-of-the-lord/>).

## Part B. Character Study (700 to 1000 words)

Write a character study of a servant of the Lord. Choose from Abraham, Moses, Joshua, or David.

### Directions:

- Your teacher will assign you a pillar of which to explore a servant of the Lord named above (Abraham, Moses, Joshua, or David). You may choose the servant of the Lord.
- For the assigned pillar, you must explain the character trait/s and action/s of your selected figure –AND-how you can apply what you learned from the selected figure as a servant pastor in a multicultural church.

### Note:

- You must type it in Times New Roman, 12-point font.
- Follow APA style and SBL citations for Scripture. Include a title page. Review the ANLI writing handbook for information.
- Title your paper as *Character Study of a Servant of the Lord: Abraham* (or Moses, Joshua, or David as chosen).
- Write in academic voice. Do not write your essay in one long paragraph!
- Use *Uncovering Servant of the Lord* as a base for your article. Integrate one to two short quotes from this article into your paper.

- Follow APA and SBL formatting. Include a cover page. Double-space throughout. Print one-sided. Type in Times New Roman, 12-point font.
- Write tight, and with substance (See ANLI Writing guidelines for assistance.)
- Don't bog down your writing with long passages of Scripture. Use portions of Scripture to support your thesis' main points about your character. Watch so you keep your focus all the way through your paper, rather than bird walking off the topic.

**Part C. Prayer (150 to 200 words)**

Select one of the seven pillars that speak to you the most and write a personal prayer for it.

**Part D. Leadership Application (300 to 500 words)**

Describe how you currently complete a word study. Then, tell how you can apply the first mention, context, progressive, and typical principles in your pastoral studies. (Be detailed in your response.)