

Adopt the Mindset of Christ

As Christians, many of us long to make the world a better place. When we want to effect real change in the world, we may be tempted to seek the power or position to *make* it happen. Whether or not we serve in the public sector, turning to Scripture to weigh our motivations and guide our methods will help us find the most Christlike way forward. Join us as we examine the servant mindset that Jesus modeled throughout his ministry to help us understand the relationship between the Christian Church and political power.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- How would you describe the mindset of Christ or what it means to be Christlike?
- Do you think it's okay for Christians to hold positions of power in society? Why or why not?



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READ [Philippians 2:1-11](#), [Matthew 22:15-45](#), [1 Peter 2:21-23](#), [Matthew 20:24-28](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, host Darrell Delaney noted that what Jesus Christ came to do is counterintuitive to us: "He came to conquer death. He went down...so that he can go up; and that is exactly what he has called us to do." Where have you witnessed Christians following Christ's counterintuitive example well? What have the outcomes been?
- In segment 2, Darrell and host Scott Hoeze observed that throughout the questioning by the Sadducees and Pharisees, Jesus stayed calm, humble, and truthful. Do you find it easy or difficult to keep a Christlike composure when challenged or provoked? What helps or hinders you in these situations?
- At the end of segment 2, Scott referenced [1 Peter 2:21](#) and said, "You were called. Christ left you an example. Do as he did, and that is our calling." What does it mean to be called or to have a calling? Reread [1 Peter 2:20-25](#) to recall the full context of the passage. What does it mean that we're called to Christlikeness and to follow his example of calmness, humility, and truthfulness in all situations?
- Think about the things going on in the world around us right now. What does it look like to respond like Jesus to the troubles around us?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Matthew 21:1-11](#), [Mark 11:1-11](#), [Luke 19:28-44](#), and [John 12:12-19](#), [Hebrews 2:17-18](#), [Hebrews 4:15-16](#), [Mark 10:45](#), [Isaiah 55:8-9](#), [1 Corinthians 1:20-25](#)

CONCLUSION

Reflect on Scott's closing statement:

“Christlikeness is maybe the core foundation of discipleship. It is the most important thing; and maybe that is why we so routinely face the temptation to develop other mindsets, to adopt other postures, to take other tactics drawn from the wider world. The more important something is, the more the devil and his hosts are going to try to pull us away from it; and if that temptation can come cloaked to us in what looks like a laudable goal, well, then it gets under our radar. We need to constantly be in prayer to ward that off. We need each other to help us do this. We need the Spirit in us, and thankfully, God has provided just that.”

Close your reflection in prayer. Tell God what this study has stirred in you. Ask him to cultivate Christlikeness in you so that it might come naturally to you in difficult and provoking situations. Thank him for not leaving you to do this alone, but for providing the example of Christ, the help of the Holy Spirit, and a community of faithful believers.

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