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| Lesson 9 Authority in Servitude |  | MarkReading: **Topical**Adult ClassJune 3, 2018 |
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# Overview

This lesson is dedicated to understanding more about Jesus’ ability to simultaneously serve and rule at the same time. “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45. Throughout this lesson there will be excerpts to read for some questions. Please review these before answering.

# Questions

1. Think of a person who *wasn’t* a parent, but that had some authority over you, that inspired you growing up. What are some of the qualities about that individual that most inspired you?
2. Read Is 1: 21 – 23 and Isaiah 66: 3 – 9. List some of the things that can happen when those in authority are not acting as servants.
3. The term “servant leader” can be oxymoronic as first glance. You have the idea of taking orders vs giving orders in the same phrase. Read Phil 2: 1 – 12 and explain how Jesus was able to accomplish that.
4. Take those same concepts and apply them to the responsibility of the elders. Read 1 Peter 5: 1 – 6 and list some ways that an elder exhibits servant leadership in a practical way. What does this look like day to day?
5. What are some temptations that can keep a leader from being a “servant” leader? For each one you list, provide a *specific* example of how to fend off that temptation.
6. Paul exhibits a great example of servant leadership in Phil 21 – 26. Having to decide between what is pleasant and what is right occurs every day. What are some specific ways we can improve our ability to do this more often?