

BIBLE STUDY NOTES, Rev. James B. Logan

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LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

This evening's bible study is a follow-up to last week's initial focus on Presidential and personal leadership. This study will examine the ministry of Jesus and some of the leadership points he demonstrated that are needed for President Barack Obama and can also be applied to the life of any believer and follower of Jesus Christ.

LUKE CHAPTER 19: 1 - 10

¹ And *Jesus* entered and passed through Jericho. ² And, behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. ³ And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. ⁴ And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house. ⁶ And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw *it*, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. ⁸ And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore *him* fourfold. ⁹ And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

THE REQUIREMENTS OF SERVANTHOOD LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP POINTS

1 – **AWARENESS** – Jesus knew Zacchaeus desperately needed Him. Sometimes our business gets in the way and blocks us from getting to someone in need. They are hanging in the “tree” crying for help and some of us are blinded to the deep need(s). Servant leaders must be aware, in tune or sensitive to those in a crisis or have a general need for Christ.

List ways or areas that you believe (or don't believe) President Obama has proven his awareness.

2 – **AVAILABILITY** – (**Luke 19: 8,9**) Jesus gave His time to a person that was not liked in Jericho. Jesus spent time listening and talking with Zacchaeus. Notice the importance of fellowship – eating and really being with a person. This gives opportunity for dialogue and the sharing of a testimony. Notice the atmosphere of comfort set in order for Zacchaeus to confess his sin. Even Jesus was able to provide Words of transformation and healing. *There are also times when it's not how much is spoken or heard but just being present with a person.

List ways or areas that you believe (or don't believe) President Obama has made himself available.

3 – **ACCEPTANCE** – Servant leaders accept people the way they are. We came to Christ initially in sin. We brought a lot of baggage and needed forgiveness. Because of our encounter with the love of God thru Jesus, we too must learn to forgive and forget those things that can be a stumbling block in our acceptance of others.

List ways or areas that you believe (or don't believe) President Obama has demonstrated his acceptance of others.

4 – **ABIDING (John 15: 1 – 5)** – Servant leaders give of themselves to others based on the overflow from Christ dwelling or abiding in them.

Do you believe President Obama's faith in God has enabled him to give of himself to others?

5 - **ABANDONMENT (John 12: 23- 26)** - Servant leaders must be willing to die to a self-centered life style in order for God to utilize them in diverse ways.

Does President Obama's leadership style enable him to make a difference in multiple ways and areas of the world?