

RISING TIDE: Episode Five – Servant Leadership

And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves. Luke 22:25-27 ESV

1. How is a leader’s willingness to admit mistakes or show weakness a testimony to the power of the gospel?
 2. Why is burnout in ministry a common occurrence in the Japanese church? How is the gospel the remedy?
 3. Music and the arts are a significant part of Japanese culture. How has God used gospel music to sow the seeds of the Christianity? Why is it important for the Japanese church to have its own worship music?
 4. Why must the gospel be communicated in both word and deed to reach the Japanese people and develop spiritually healthy churches?
 5. What role has mentoring had in the development of the next generation of leaders for the church in Japan?
 6. Why is “gospel identity” essential for those serving as Christian leaders in Japan? How can this emphasis of being rooted in Christ be easily lost in ministry training or carrying out ministry in the local church in Japan?
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