

The Role of Discipleship in Developing Servant Leadership: A Case
of EKHC

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This research sought to establish the role of discipleship in developing servant leadership in the Ethiopian Kale Heywot Church (EKHC), one of the biggest evangelical churches Ethiopia which was established eighty six years ago. The research used a descriptive case study design where questionnaires and an interview guide were distributed to leaders in three regions, that is, Addis Ababa City, Southern Regional City, and Southern Rural City.

The findings indicate that discipleship plays a great role in developing servant leadership. Discipleship therefore is one of the approaches the church can apply to develop servant leadership in the Church. The research recommends an emphasis of discipleship program at the local church level, and that the church needs to give priority to her agenda for discipleship. In addition, mainstreaming discipleship in all church ministries would enhance its contribution in the development of servant leadership.