

SERVING

Week 7: SERVING

Daily I **WILL** serve others.

- *Jesus showed us how to serve by His example.*
- *We are to serve both believers and non believers.*
- *Serving is the greatest thing we can do, not the least.*

In our modern-day culture, we seem to place servers at the bottom of our social totem pole. Even in the context of restaurant servers, we tend to see these positions as preliminaries to be endured before moving on to bigger and better things. No wonder when Jesus talks to us about serving, we tend to cringe a bit at first. It's not in our human nature to lay down our lives for someone else. It's not in our human nature to sacrifice our own comfort for the benefit of someone else.

Thankfully, we have been given a new nature: a supernatural one. We have the nature of God in us now and His nature is to serve. When Jesus was asked, "Lord, what must I do in order to be the greatest?" He said, "Whoever wants to be great among you, must become a servant." Being God's servant doesn't mean you become a slave to be mistreated by everyone around you. It simply means that you are aware of people's needs around you and you allow God to use you as He desires to help meet a need. As servants of God, our lifestyle of serving is not only applicable in the context of our church or our Christian communities. We are to serve like Jesus did: the unbeliever and the believer alike. Get out there, find opportunities to serve, and watch God turn your serving into sowing and your sowing into reaping.

Supporting Statements:

- In God's Kingdom, a servant is not less valuable. Instead, servants bring God more glory.
- If you want to see what Jesus saw, then do what Jesus did. Serve.
- Even when serving man or woman, we ought to do everything as unto the Lord.
- Sometimes people don't deserve it, but serve them anyway. Do it for Jesus.
- Serving builds both yourself and others around you.

Read these passages:

Matthew 20:26-28, Colossians 3:22-24



Answer the following questions in discussion form:

- What does this passage reveal about the nature of God?
- What does this passage reveal about Jesus?
- What does this passage reveal about me?

Weekly Challenge: How can you get out of your comfort zone this week in order to serve others around you? Find new ways this week to serve others in your family, your workplace, your friends, and even strangers that you might encounter in your weekly visit to the grocery store.