

Faith Christian Fellowship
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You Are Sent 2: Sent to Serve

Intro:

God is in the sending business. He is intentional in His actions. He never sends people without a PURPOSE! Just like so many we see throughout SCRIPTURE that have been sent... YOU are SENT too.

YOU are SENT to SERVE

- ❖ Mark 10:35-45 Greatness is in SERVING
 - Greatness in the Kingdom is not from POWER, POSITION, or by POSSESSION. Greatness is found in SERVING.
 - “Everybody can be great because anybody can serve.” MLK Jr.
- ❖ John 13 We see the Lord Jesus washing His disciples’ feet, an act of SERVICE flowing out of LOVE & HUMILITY.
 - John 13:15 Jesus encouraged them and us by extension to follow HIS lead & SERVE one another. **“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”**
 - Jesus both LED & LOVED by SERVING.
 - He washed feet, fed thousands, visited & heal the sick, went out of His way, stopped to spend time with people NO BODY else cared to spend time with.
 - JESUS was SENT to SERVE. Mark 10:45
 - He LIVED & DIED to SERVE
 - Jesus is the SERVANT-KING. It’s part of who He is.
 - Volunteering is about something you do. Serving is about someone you BECOME.
- ❖ **Reasons people don’t serve. John 13**
 - **SERVING can be UNCOMFORTABLE.**
 - **Serving is dirty – It’s a lot like work**
 - **Serving has a cost** - Time, energy, resources, persecution
 - **Pride**
 - **Serving Requires COMMITMENT.**
- ❖ JESUS did not serve as if His life depended on it... He served because OUR LIVES depended on it.

Reasons we Serve

- ❖ **Demonstrating Christ-Likeness** John 17:18 NKJV
- ❖ **Move into Spiritual Maturity** Matthew 19:21 Amp Spiritual maturity isn’t how much you know, but how much you love.

- ❖ **Expanding the Kingdom** - 1 cor 9:19 Serving Others provides opportunity for everyone to grow.
- ❖ **Leads to promotion in life.** Gen 39:23, Luke 16:10
- ❖ **Discover Abundance** – ‘me’ to ‘we’
 - “When you serve, you discover that often the most important things you have to offer are not things at all.”
 - You have more resources than you think. Time, Attention, Love, Experience, Presence,
 - It is a poverty and fear-based scarcity mindset that is only focused on oneself.
- ❖ **Expresses Gratitude** –Rom 12:1 GNB It’s REASONABLE to do. Serving erupts when we are grateful for what’s been given to us.
- ❖ **It’s God’s Will.** 1 Peter 4:10 You are SENT to SERVE

Effective Service – Is not about YOU!

- Have you ever had someone try to help & serve you, but they’re really just in the way. It’s not because they have a bad attitude, but the wrong perception of your need.
- 3 Ways to get in the **KNOW** on how to serve. Jesus’ methods
 - **Watch** others (Pay attention and you’ll see ways to serve)
 - **Listen** to them. (Ask them & ask the Lord)
 - **Live** with them. Doing life together reveals real needs.
- Mark 10 – Jesus didn’t condemn John/James or their mother. He didn’t say, “You are out of line and being selfish.”
 - They wanted to be significant. They wanted to be great. They wanted to be important. As God’s children and Jesus disciples... we ought to be. The Father wants you to be those things.
 - JESUS addressed their motivation. Telling them to: Be First in how you LOVE others. Be GREAT in your HUMILITY, be SIGNIFICANT in you SERVICE.

Like Jesus we were sent to SERVE:

- ❖ **SERVE God** Matthew 4:10; Matthew 6:24; Acts 27:23
- ❖ **Serve JESUS** Romans 1:1
- ❖ **Serve Local Church** – Acts 6:1-5; Romans 16:1
- ❖ **Serve One Another** – Romans 15:31
- ❖ **Serve the World** - 1Corinthians 4:1

Who are you serving? How are you serving?

"The true measure of a man is not the number of servants he has, but the number of people he serves." - Arnold Glasgow