



Connect Study

Core Value #2 : SERVICE

Mark 10:32-45



Sermon Points

1. Jesus serves us (Mark 10:45)
2. We serve Jesus (1 Thessalonians 1:9, Acts 17:24-25)
3. We serve each other (Mark 10: 42-44)
4. Jesus rewards faithful service (1 Corinthians 3:10-15)

Discussion Starter

What is a good definition of service?

Where have you seen great examples of service?

From the Bible

1. How does Jesus serve us? What is a “ransom”? (Mark 10:45)
2. Why do we serve others? (Mark 10:42-45)
3. How can we serve one another in the church? Consider these verses and think of some practical, do-able examples:

1 Thess. 5:11

1 Thess. 5:13b & Romans 14:19

1 Thess.5:15

Gal. 5:13

Gal. 6:2

Eph. 4:11 (Cf. Eph. 2:20, “Apostles” and “prophets” were foundational gifts to the church and we don’t expect them today)

Eph. 5:21

Col. 3:9

Col. 3:12-13

Col. 3:16 & Eph. 4:29

Titus 1:13

Hebrews 10:24-25

1 Peter 4:9-10

1 Tim. 5:17

Hebrews 13:17

Hebrews 13:18

From the start of our church we have held to the biblical principle of “**Every-Member-Ministry**”. We believe that everyone in the church is called to serve in some way or another and that God has given each person certain gifts and abilities to make this serving possible. Just as a human body need all its different parts to be working properly to function well, so the church body need all its members to be serving in various ways to function well. From teaching a small group, to serving coffee, to being a prayer-warrior, to packing out the chairs for Sunday! Each member doing its bit for the common good and building up of the body. (Cf. **1 Corinthians 12:12-26**) There is no *spiritual hierarchy* in the church, we all serve Jesus on the same level according to our different gifts and abilities.

**Think it
through**

1. How does being designated a “*servant/slave*” of Christ (e.g. Romans 1:1) make you feel?

“Jesus meets our needs. In response, we serve Jesus. Not to meet his needs, but acknowledging our great need and his great willingness to work in and through us. We serve Jesus not to meet his needs or gain his favour; we serve Jesus because he has met our needs and given us his favour.”

2. Would you agree that all serving involves self-sacrifice? Why?

3. Why do you think serving others is intrinsically better than lording it over others in a harsh, dictatorial way?

4. Share with your group where you are serving in the church so that they may pray for you and your ministry. If you are not yet serving, ask them where they think you could or should serve!



Prayer for the week

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life:

Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life;

Grant too that we may serve others self-sacrificially, as He has served us;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,

for ever and ever.

Core value #2



Service
 We are members of Christ's body made up of many different parts and each having a vital role to play, therefore we serve each other as Christ served us.
 (Matthew 20:28,
 1 Corinthians 12:12)



Core values
 Love
 Service
 Integrity
 Missional
 Intentional
 Unity in diversity
 Bible & gospel centred