

## SERVING OTHERS - LEANNE MISKEY

I have the privilege of working at a wonderful school here in Durban. During this covid-19 season that we find ourselves in we have to do health screening and taking temperatures every single day as we report for duty. One of our staff members is not able to get to school quite as early as the other staff members and we find our school principal sitting at the receptionist's desk every single day taking staff temperatures. Not quite the duty that you would expect the school principal to have to carry out and yet she does it every day with no problem at all. I find this quite inspiring.

In the book of Mark 10, Jesus is teaching the disciples about serving others. We see James and John come to Jesus and say, 'Hey Jesus, can you do us a favour? When you are sitting on that glorious seat, don't you want to keep the left and the right side for us?' Basically Jesus' response to them is, 'I can't really tell you who is going to be on my left and my right.' But He is really telling them that they are looking at it all wrong. That they shouldn't be asking for favours. The rest of the disciples get a bit annoyed when they hear what these guys have been asking. Jesus is saying that the worldly way of leadership is that leaders will lord it over other people and they will exert their power. Yet the godly way is that if you want to be first, then you should become the slave and if you want to lead, you will actually need to serve people.

I believe that Jesus has called us to lead, which means that we should be serving others. That is God's way. The scripture goes on to say, *'For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others.'*

Bearing this in mind I'd like to suggest that as we serve others, as I see my school principal serving and doing a duty that shows humility, I think that is what God wants of us. That we would serve with humility because in that way God's grace can be upon us

and it softens the hearts of those around us and allows God to be reflected and to be glorified.

As we go about our day and the weeks to come, perhaps we should be asking God for ways that we can serve others so that He is glorified and we can show the humility that Christ has shown as the greatest example of showing humility.

Be encouraged to find new ways to serve others and to glorify God. Have a wonderful day.