

Introduction

What would happen if our approach to life shifted from “What can I get out of it?” to “What can I put into it?” While it can seem that our positions, talents, and possessions are for our sole enjoyment, there is so much more to life that can only be experienced by leveraging what we have in service to others.

Discussion Topics

Jesus spent a lot of time redefining concepts that people thought were well and truly settled. For example, kings and rulers had been operating under the “you exist to serve me” assumption for thousands of years before Jesus revealed the truth about authority.

1. What does the word authority mean to you? In what areas of your life do you feel like you have authority and privilege?
2. How do you use your authority?

We can easily fall into the trap of thinking that all we have is meant to make us happy or serve ourselves.

Read Matthew 20:20-28

3. What does it look like for someone who is in charge to serve?
4. Do you serve anywhere? Why or why not?

Moving Forward

Not everyone needs to serve in a church in order to be a good servant. We all operate in different spheres and everywhere we find ourselves our desire should be to make it better. Brainstorm with your group various ways that you can serve not only your church, but your community, work, environment, etc. To make a bigger impact, pick some areas to serve as a group together.