

# #ForBuffalo - Serve the World Mark Rouse - mark@epicchurchbuffalo.com July 8, 2018

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." – Mark 9:35

#### WHO IS A SERVANT?

#### ✓ Doulos: BONDSERVANT.

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God. – Romans 1:1

• Principle: <u>LIFETIME COMMITMENT</u>.

## ✓ Diakonos: <u>DEACON</u>.

Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant. – Matthew 20:26

• Principle: FOCUSED ON THE NEEDS OF OTHERS.

#### **✓** Huperetes: UNDER-ROWER.

Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen and will see of me. – Acts 26:16

• Principle: MAGNIFY JESUS, NOT ME.

#### FOUR "SERVE THE WORLD" COMMITMENTS

### 1) SERVICE over STATUS.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

– Philippians 2:3-4

## 2) **CHARACTER** over COMFORT.

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" **37** The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." – Luke 10:36-37

## 3) **WORSHIP** over WEALTH.

No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. – Matthew 6:24

# 4) WE over ME.

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. **25** And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. – Hebrews 10:24-25

# ✓ The Serve the World Commitment: I will embrace a SELFLESS life.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. – Matthew 6:33