I. WHO IS A SERVANT?

A. A servant is first of all one who is under _____ to another. For us this means submission to _____ first, and then submission to _____ _____.

- Philippians 2:5-7 (New Living Translation): **5** You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave.

B. A servant is willing to minister to and for _____ and to do whatever it takes to accomplish what is best for _____.

- Matthew 5:42 (The Passion Translation): "Learn to generously share what you have with those who ask for help, and don't close your heart to the one who comes to borrow from you."

II. HOW DID JESUS LIVE OUT A LIFE OF A SERVANT?

A. Jesus came to _____ and not to be _____ and He did it to the point of _____.

- Hebrews 5:8 (Living Bible): And even though Jesus was God's Son, he had to learn from experience what it was like to obey when obeying meant suffering.

B. He had _____ in mind.

- Mark 10:45 (New Living Translation): "For even the Son of Man did not come to be <u>served</u> but to serve, and to give his <u>life</u> a ransom for many"

III. WHAT MADE SERVING POSSIBLE FOR JESUS?

A. Jesus knew the source of His _____: **His Father** –

- John 13:3 (New Living Translation): "…Father had given authority over everything…".

B. Jesus knew the source of His _____: **His relationship with the Father** -

- John 13:3 (New Living Translation): "...he had come from God and would return to God".

C. Jesus knew His _____ more than anyone, and it made Him give _____ treatment to _____ instead of expecting it for Himself.

- John 13:3-5 (New Living Translation): [3] Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. [4] So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, [5] and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

D. The Secret of Jesus' serving success: A Summary:

- Jesus knew His _____: "He had come from God..."
- Jesus knew His _____: "and would return to God".
- He determined to glorify Him in the _____: "...began to wash the disciples' feet".

IV. A UNIQUE EXAMPLE OF SERVANTHOOD: REBECCA

Genesis 24:18-20 (New International Version) -- "Drink, my lord," she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink. After she had given him a drink, she said, "I'll draw water for your camels too, until they have finished drinking." So, she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels"

Rebecca served a total stranger and helped feed a total of 10 camels (Genesis 24:10). Rebecca is a perfect picture of a servant. Let's see how much work she put in:

How Many Mineral Water Bottles Needed to Feed 10 Camels?
- One camel drink 30 gallon of water x 10 camels = 300 gallons of water.
- 300 gallon = 1135.62 litres or 1,135,620 millilitres
- 1 mineral water = 1500 ml.
- So, 1,135,620 divide by 1500 = **757 mineral water bottles needed to feed 10 camels!**

How Many Pails of Water Needed to Feed 10 Camels?
- A pail is about 20 litres.
- So, 1135.62 litres divide by 20 = 56 pails of water

- The well in those days usually has 50 steps down to fetch water and 50 steps up.
- To get all the 56 pails of water, it would be like **Rebecca going up and down an apartment 15 story high, not once but 6 times to feed all the 10 camels!!**
- Now that is servanthood to a total stranger!

Discussion Questions:

1. What are 3 characteristics of a servant that you learned from this lesson?

2. Jesus knew 2 important truths that made serving easy for Him in John 13:3. What are they and why is that important for us also to know these truths?

3. Jesus knew His greatness more than anyone, and it made Him give better treatment to others instead of expecting it for Himself.   How about you? If you know your greatness, would you expect to serve or to be served?

4. One of the traits of a servant is looking out for the interest of others. Can you find two scriptures from this lesson that can support this quality of a servant who looks out for others?