

THIS IS US

THIS IS US, PART 3: SAVED PEOPLE SERVE PEOPLE

The church does not exist for us. We are the church and we exist for the world. We are not called to just be spiritual consumers, but spiritual contributors.

BIG IDEA: When we do what we know to do, Jesus will do what only He can do.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What chore do you absolutely hate doing? Why?
2. Does serving others or serving in the church ever feel like a chore? Have you ever wanted to avoid serving because it felt like an obligation?
3. *With your Bible or Bible App, read Mark 10:43-45 and Matthew 14:13-21.*

But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
Mark 10:43-45 (NLT)

As soon as Jesus heard the news, he left in a boat to a remote area to be alone. But the crowds heard where he was headed and followed on foot from many towns. 14 Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. That evening the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “That isn’t necessary—you feed them.” “But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish!” they answered. “Bring them here,” he said. 19 Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people. 20 They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. 21 About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!

Matthew 14:13-21 (NLT)

4. What do these scriptures say to you about leadership? What do these scriptures say to us about what it means to be a servant?
5. We demonstrate our love for God by loving our neighbors as ourselves (Galatians 5:14). Would your acquaintances, coworkers, and friends say they felt loved by the way you treated them this week? Why or why not?
6. When we’re in a relationship with Jesus, we’re compelled to do what He says and serve others (Ephesians 2:8-10). Have you asked God if He wants you to serve in some way? What would you do if He invited you to serve today?
7. During the message Carlo said, “The person who really wants to do something finds a way; the other person finds an excuse.” What excuses have you made that keep you from serving others?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

The way you serve can help others connect with Jesus (Mark 2:1-12). Think about those who have served you in the past. How is your relationship with Jesus different because of the way that person served you? Saved people serve people so that served people would become saved people. What's one way you can remind yourself to serve people like you're working directly for God (Colossians 3:23-24)? Who's one friend you'll ask to hold you accountable to serve?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different.

- Mark 10:42-43