

THIS IS WHAT WE DO



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We all want to be great.

There is a cultural greatness and a Biblical greatness

Biblical Greatness: Mark 9:33-37

³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

There was no real need to answer. Jesus knew. They knew He knew.

A paradigm shift was needed. Hearts needed to be changed. The target moved, and Jesus knew just what to say:

³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, **“If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”**

God, our example of Serving

In Genesis, in creation, we see God creating a world for us. A garden filled with goodness for us. The stars in the sky. The sun and the moon. The oceans and the mountain tops. Gravity. **Our God serves His people.**

Our Servant God, provides a path to freedom. In the OT, He led His people out of Egypt. A pillar of fire by night. A cloud by day. He provided protection, food, water, and direction.

Today, He is the same. Through Jesus’ death on the cross we too are offered freedom. Freedom from the cost of sin in our lives. He served as a substitute for the penalty that

should have rested upon us. Freedom is now ours. He forgives. He gives us grace and mercy. **He serves us.**

The Psalmist states in the 23rd Psalm that, “He is our shepherd. He gives us rest. He brings calm to our chaos; He restores our souls. He leads us into righteousness. He sets us free from fear. He gives us comfort. He prepares a table before us (and there is always room at the table). He anoints our heads with oil (blessing). **Our God serves us.**

If the totality of Scripture had not made it clear, Jesus demonstrated for the disciples what it looks like, a permanent image etched into their memories. At His last Passover meal on earth, Jesus washes the feet of His followers. The One who should be served is serving.

John chapter 13 tells us the story. “When He has washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you?”

He continues to make sure there is no misunderstanding, “If I then, your Teacher and Lord, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.”

He adds this, **Blessed are you if you do likewise. He calls us to serve.**

Why Do We Serve?

One major reason is that we are created in the image of God.

Genesis 1:26, “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.’”

Our God serves, and because we want to be like Him, we serve.

Other Reasons to Serve

In a home where we serve one another, there is joy.

Serving also gives us influence, not for ourselves, but so that others may know this God we serve.

Serving (loving if you will), can change the lives of the people we serve, and yet, the return on our investment is immeasurable.

Are you wanting to serve: After the service today, go to the lobby and fill out a “Connect Card’ at the Next Steps table. You will be glad you did!

So, the Secret Sauce to greatness is to **SERVE.**

Mesa Church Serves:

At the church, in our community, and around the world

Royal Family Kid's Camp: A call to serve

The Tour de OC

Proverb from the 1300's: "Many hands make light work."

King Solomon: "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil." Ecc 4:9

If you want to participate in any way for our Royal Family Kids Camp or the Tour de OC, you may email us at rfkc.mesa and we will follow-up with you. Or you can also go to the Next Steps table and fill out a "Connect Card".

Mesa Church, be great. Come, put on your serve. You will be glad you did.