



Group Study Guide

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The Stories Jesus Told: The Servant in the Field

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MESSAGE NOTES:

"⁷Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" (Luke 17:7-10)

STUDY GUIDE:

STEP ONE: Icebreaker (Optional):

- What's the best "dad joke" you've ever heard? Share with the group (if appropriate)!

STEP TWO: Prayer & Scripture Reading

- Ask someone in your group to pray to open your time together.
- Ask another person to read Luke 17:7-10.

STEP THREE: Discuss Questions

1. What was challenging, encouraging, confusing, or stood out most to you from this past weekend's teaching?
2. Can you think of a situation in your life where you were challenged to serve without expecting anything in return? How did you handle it?
3. What would you define as doing your "duty" (v. 10)?
4. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes the idea that a servant should not expect to receive praise from doing their duty? Does your personal understanding of the Gospel or the culture of this time help influence your thoughts around this? If so, how?
5. How does having a healthy view of Jesus as Savior/Master foster a proper view of self?
6. What are some practical ways you could cultivate gratitude and humility considering the truth that we don't deserve anything from God?

STEP FOUR: Prayer

- Ask someone in your group to close in prayer.