

A Life of Service
Matthew 20:20-28 & Romans 12:1-11
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- Serving is the mark of greatness in the kingdom of God.

"The world's way of greatness is like a pyramid. The prestige and power of the great person is built on the many subordinate persons beneath him. But in the kingdom, the pyramid is inverted. As the great commentator R. C. H. Lenski has observed, God's "great men are not sitting on top of lesser men, but bearing lesser men on their backs..."

This kind of greatness is pleasing to God, because it is humble and self-giving rather than proud and self-serving. The way to the world's greatness is through pleasing and being served by men; the way to God's greatness is through pleasing Him and serving others in His name."

— John Macarthur

- Serving others in all humility reflects and continues the ministry of Jesus.
- Serving others is a direct response to how you have been served by Christ.
- Serving is and must be empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- Serving others must always be looked upon as service to the Lord.

Turning Point Recap

- a. Believing in God and receiving God's love.
- b. Connect with God by reading and cherishing the word of God every single day.
- c. Call on the name of the Lord like your life and well-being depend on it.
- d. Respond to God's goodness by serving others, especially with your spiritual gifts.
- e. Bonus: Learn who the Holy Spirit is and live in his power.

Discussion Questions

- a. Outside of going to the cross, what is your favorite story showcasing Jesus' servanthood?
- b. What is one of the most memorable ways you have been served by another?
- c. What is one of the most memorable ways the Lord used you to serve someone else?
- d. If you could serve others (either in the church or in the world) and do it for a living, what type of service would you love to do?