

Thrive!

Week Nine:
Service

Daily Scripture Reading

Sunday:

The call to service / **Matthew 20:20-28**

Monday:

The sign of service / **John 13:1-17**

Tuesday:

The commitment of service / **Exodus 21:2-6, 1 Corinthians 9:19**

Wednesday:

The attitude of service / **Colossians 3:23-25**

Thursday:

Service in the Christian community / **Romans 12:9-13**

Friday:

The ministry of the small things / **Matthew 25:31-39**

Saturday:

Service exemplified / **Luke 10:29-37**

Supplemental Questions

Read Mark 10:35-45

1. When you go into a store or restaurant, what is a sign of "good service?"
2. What does it mean when we instruct someone to "practice what you preach"?
3. After reading the passage, why does Jesus use a servant to demonstrate a person considered to be worthy of greatness?
4. How do you think this also describes a great person in our society?
5. Why does God link the themes of service and leadership, and how do you see them relate?

Read John 13:12-16

6. Although the disciples did not want Jesus to wash their feet, He did it as a physical sign of service. How does Jesus serve us in our daily lives?
7. Are there motivations in service that lessen or damage the service itself?
8. Sometimes it is easier to serve people we know rather than strangers or people with whom we do not feel comfortable. Why is that?
9. In v. 45 of Mark 10 we see the clearest statement regarding the saving grace of the Jesus. Why do you think this reference occurs in a passage instructing us to be a servant?

"Service is the overflow which pours from a life filled with love and devotion. But strictly speaking, there is no call to do that. Service is what I bring to the relationship and is the reflection of my identification with the nature of God. Service becomes a natural part of my life. God brings me into the proper relationship with Himself so that I can understand His call, and then I serve Him on my own out of a motivation of absolute love."

- Oswald Chambers