

Mar. 29 & 30
The Great Investment – Week 3

Discipleship is FOLLOWING Jesus and becoming more like him.

Discipleship is a PROCESS, not a destination

And today we will talk about the discipleship practice of SERVE.

Matt 20:21 She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

James and John are looking at God's Kingdom as CONSUMERS!

They were right in recognizing Jesus as the Messiah, but they misunderstood the NATURE of greatness.

24 When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers.

Jesus decides it is time for a lesson.

25-28 "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Principles about being great.

I. Serving makes us MORE LIKE Him!

Every statement Jesus makes about greatness in this passage includes a statement about serving.

Serving is the battleground of humanity where we win or lose the fight against SELF-CENTEREDNESS.

II. Serving allows us to DIE TO SELF.

Serving keeps us from the tragic mistake of making life all about our self.

III. Serving creates opportunity to show Jesus.

Jesus was big on creating servants because serving is an authentic expression of LOVE.

The door to a person's heart that is closed to God, often swings open on the hinges of service.

IV. Serving unleashes a BYPRODUCT of helping yourself.

A byproduct of serving is better MENTAL HEALTH, greater purpose, and a closer connection with God!

1 Pet 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.