

COMMAND: SERVE

EXPANDED LEADER INFORMATION

<i>Looking Back</i>	<i>Looking Up</i>	<i>Looking Forward</i>
<p>1. CARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PRAISES/REQUESTS• PRAY FOR EACH OTHER <p>2. LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ABIDE?• MISSION STATEMENT?• PREVIOUS GOAL(S)	<p>3. WORSHIP + SEEK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 CORINTHIANS 14:26 <p>4. VISION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GREAT COMMISSION <p>5. NEW LESSON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COMMAND > STORY > READ > ASK > EXPLORE	<p>6. SETTING GOALS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOW WILL WE OBEY AND APPLY THE COMMAND? <p>7. PRACTICE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 SEC TESTIMONY 3 CIRCLES OIKOS MAP <p>8. COMMISSION</p>

NEW LESSON

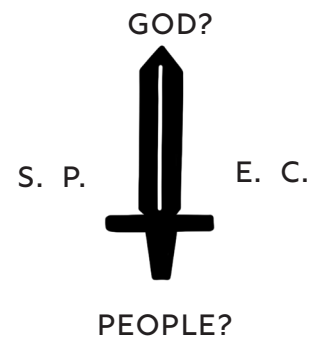
READ THE COMMAND: IN JOHN 13:13-17, JESUS SAYS...

TELL THE STORY: MARK 10:35-45

READ THE STORY ALOUD

DISCOVER/ASK: USE THE SWORD BIBLE STUDY METHOD TO DISCUSS THE STORY AND REVEAL ITS MEANING FOR OUR LIVES

- PRACTICE RETELLING THE STORY



WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT GOD?

- Verse 40 indicates that there have been things "prepared" which will happen later. This tells us that God is sovereign and is intimately involved in the guiding of our lives and His will. This gives us comfort in knowing that He will fight to see the good things He has planned for our lives come to pass.
- Even though God is the sovereign Creator and Ruler of the universe, He is not above serving. This also speaks to His heart toward us!
- Verse 45 says that Jesus gave His life as a ransom for many. This tells us how He feels about us. It tells us the worth and value He sees in us.

WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE TELL US ABOUT PEOPLE?

- We are selfish and self-centered
- If we are not careful, we can (literally, in the case of James and John) walk closely with the Lord and still lose sight of His Lordship over us. James and John asked Jesus to commit to doing something for them.
- Like James and John tried to do with Jesus, we want God to approve of our desires and wants up front. Question, do we sometimes hesitate when God asks us to do something for Him without us knowing all the details?

ARE THERE ANY SINS IN THE PASSAGE TO AVOID?

- Verse 42, to do the opposite of what Jesus says here by lording over other believers with heavy authority. (We will dive into this more in the Explore More section)

ARE THERE ANY PROMISES IN THE PASSAGE THAT WE SHOULD BEHOLD ?

- Servanthood is a path to excellent leadership (verses 43-44)

ARE THERE ANY EXAMPLES IN THE PASSAGE TO FOLLOW?

- Jesus gives us the ultimate example in that even though He is Lord over all, He came to serve—even to the point of giving His life up for others!
- This sets an extreme extent for servitude!

ARE THERE ANY COMMANDS IN THE PASSAGE TO BE OBEYED?

- Serve one another

EXPLORE MORE:

A. HOW DO WE LEAD AND FOLLOW THROUGH SERVING?

- 1 Peter 5:1-5 gives a great description of clothing yourself with humility when serving (whether you are leading or loving others)

B. WHO SHOULD WE SERVE?

- Everyone, really. Those we want to lead, and those we want to minister to.
- The church. Romans 12 gives a great example of how each member of the church is like a member of the body, which has been uniquely gifted to play an integral part of the overall success and function of the body... and that each part serves one another for the mutual upbuilding and edification of the church.

C. WHAT ARE SOME WAYS WE CAN SERVE?

- The best way to answer this question is really by praying and asking the Holy Spirit to reveal people you can do some act of service toward, and what you should do in particular.

SET GOALS

- A good goal for this week might be to partner with the Holy Spirit in asking Him to reveal people to serve and specific ways you can serve them. [Note: tell your disciple(s) to be prepared to share next week how God worked in and through them in this!]