



SESSION 6: SERVICE

Mitchell Berean Church

Healthy, Unified and Firing on All Cylinders

Cylinder 5: Service / Sacrifice

With the Servant/Savior as our example, we will race each other to see who can sacrificially care for others the most.



Open in Prayer

Watch the Video Together

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Jesus Is Our Example

As Jesus followers we are looking to emulate and copy Him in every area of our lives. This week's cylinder represents the posture we must take towards each other both in the church and outside the church. The church is to be filled with servants. Servants are willing to sacrifice for the good of others. Servants are able to care for the needs of others. Servants are able to take a role beyond being self consumed and are moving toward becoming "other focused". This is the most powerful posture that we can take as humans. We become healthier and stronger when we are focused on others and are moved to care about others.

Of course, this model of living comes from Jesus who both taught and modeled a servant lifestyle. Jesus came to earth from Heaven where He was equal with God. Jesus came to earth and took a humble position becoming a servant to the human race. Let us look at some of what Jesus taught and some of what He did to relay the essential role servanthood plays in the life of the follower of Jesus.

Small Group Discussion

Read Mark 10:45 *For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.*

How does it make you feel that the Creator of our universe and the One who made us, came to earth to serve us?

What does it say about the role of serving?

If you want to be great in God's work you must learn to serve.

In Matthew's gospel, he recounts a time where a couple of Jesus disciples saw greatness in the future and wanted to have a key role in it, or at least their parents wanted them to have a prominent role.

Read Matthew 20:20-28

20 Then the mother of James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus with her sons. She knelt respectfully to ask a favor. 21 "What is your request?" he asked. She replied, "In your Kingdom, please let my two sons sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left."

22 But Jesus answered by saying to them, "You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink?" "Oh yes," they replied, "we are able!"

23 Jesus told them, "You will indeed drink from my bitter cup. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. My Father has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen."

24 When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. 25 But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. 26 But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. 28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The truth is we need to learn that to move up in God's work it to move down. It is to become better at serving others not better at ordering others around.

What role does ambition play in the Kingdom of God?

How did Jesus model being a servant?

Why is "Servant leadership" so important in God's work?

Read John 13:3-5 *Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. 4 So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, 5 and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.*

After being given all authority and power over everything Jesus took the role of a servant. Why did He do this?

How are authority from God and being a servant to others connected? Why does one go with the other?

What are our struggles with serving or being a servant?

Why do human leaders struggle with this role?

How can we learn to embrace the role of servant?

How does this posture give us power when doing God's work?

Application

Take the SHAPE Class, which is a CORE Class at Mitchell Berean that is specifically designed to help you discover where you are designed to serve.

Start serving! There are many opportunities to serve and share at Mitchell Berean.

Ministries where you can plug in right away would be:

CONNECTIONS Team (you can serve here as a Life Group)

Building and Grounds Team

Wedding and Funeral Team

Communion Team

See more opportunities to serve [here](#):

Find this icon under Events in the ChurchCenter app:

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Close in Prayer

Pray that God would give each of us servant hearts.

Pray that God would lead us into the area(s) where He wants us to serve.

Pray for the individual needs within your group.