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Serving

- Serving is inconveniencing yourself for others
- This is not something we naturally do
- This is the opposite of being selfish
- All service should stem out of an overflow of love and compassion
- It's the loving your neighbor as yourself - Matt. 22:37-39, Lev. 19:18
- Serving others looks different depending on the context
- If you are not looking for a way to serve, you will miss opportunities

Humbling yourself to serve - Mark 10:42-45

- Servanthood is something all followers of Christ are called too
- Jesus continually modeled humble service
- Jesus modeled this himself – Philippians 2:1-11
- Jesus was willing to serve as the very son of God
- Jesus served us by going to the cross
- There is no position in which you are too high, that you shouldn't serve others

Washing disciples feet - John 13:12-20

- The act of lowering yourself
- This is an example of humility and servanthood.
- In some cultures feet are known as unclean
- This was the work of the lowest of servants
- You can never get so high that you can't serve others

The first shall be last - Mark 9:34-37

- Serving one another is a continual thing
- If anyone wants to follow Jesus, you must first humble yourself
- It's not natural for us, but it is something we should actively strive for
- Childlike faith is willingness to do whatever
- The word child and servant are the same word in Aramaic.

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What's the point of serving others

- This is hard to understand in our capitalism driven society
- Serving other strips us of pride
- You are using your God given gifts to help someone
- We should serve out of a heart of love and generosity
- Our mind set should be, we have an opportunity to help others
- By serving other, you point people to Christ

What does the rest of scripture have to say

Matthew 23:11

Philippians 2:3-8

Romans 12:6-13

Matthew 25:35-40

Matthew 5:14-16

Galatians 6:2

1 Peter 4:10-11

Galatians 5:13-14

Luke 6:8

Proverbs 19:17

Hebrews 13:16

Philippians 2:4

Deuteronomy 15:11

Ephesians 2:10