

SERMON-BASED STUDY: THE MISSION IS SERVICE

1 Peter 4:9-11, ESV – ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 This week, we were reminded that we are to serve as a steward of the gifts God has given us. What gifts has God given you? How have you used these gifts to serve? What are some other ways you can use these gifts to serve?

2 How does God receive glory through our service to others?

- 3 We were also reminded that we need to serve by the strength of God. Why do we need to serve by His strength and not our own? How do we serve by His strength?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **John 13:12-17, ESV** – ¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

- 4 Looking at the passage above, what is Jesus trying to teach His disciples? Why is this a difficult lesson for the disciples, and us, to learn?

- 5 Give an example of a time that you found it difficult to serve someone else? Give an example of a time that you found it easy to serve someone else? What was the difference? Why?

- 6 Why is our attitude and heart condition just as important as the service itself?

B **Acts 20:34-35, ESV** – ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

- 7 Looking at the passage above, we see Paul reminding the elders how he behaved among them. What example did he set for them? How does his example compare with Jesus’ example in John 13?

- 8 Why do you think Paul makes a connection between helping the weak and remembering the words of the Lord Jesus?

9 Why is it more blessed to give than to receive? Does this mean we should never receive help from others?

TAKING IT HOME

Service is an integral part of our walk with Jesus. As He gives to us, we are to give to others. How are you doing in serving others? Where can you improve in this area? Share with your group what God is showing you. Pray for one another as you look to serve others.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Mark 9:35, 10:45

Luke 22:24-27

Romans 12:13

Hebrews 13:2