

The effects of serving others

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SERMON SUMMARY

The highest rank you can achieve in Jesus' kingdom, the most elite place, the greatest position you can hold, the ultimate status you can achieve is that of a servant. It is to be a servant in your attitude and in your actions. Serving has this tremendous ripple effect far beyond what we might even begin to imagine.

KEY VERSES

Philippians 2:5-7

1. THE IMITATION EFFECT (Serving Others Mimics Jesus) Read Philippians 2:5-7. In what ways did Jesus model servanthood during His time on earth? See if you can come up with 3 specific examples. (see John 13:1-17, Mark 9:37, Hebrews 8:1-2)
How can I intentionally serve someone this week in a way that reflects Jesus?
2. THE BOOMERANG EFFECT (Serving Others Blesses Me) Read Proverbs 11:25. How could you apply the principle of Proverbs 11:25 to serving others? See if you can come up with 5 ways God might bless you through serving others.
3. THE RIPPLE EFFECT (Serving Others Blesses Others) Read Matthew 5:16. Who in my life has been impacted by someone's act of service? Share your story.
How might serving someone encourage that person spiritually?
4. THE SPOTLIGHT EFFECT (Serving Others Glorifies God) Read 1 Peter 4:10-11. What role does God's grace and strength play in our effectiveness in serving? How can I shift conversations or recognition toward God when others notice my serving?

THE BIG SERVE – GROUPS PAGE

Take 10 minutes as a group to check out this page for The Big Serve and groups and be inspired by project ideas that you can do together!

<https://www.creeksidechurch.ca/thebigserve-groups/> Note: Advanced sign-ups for groups will open on April 26th, but your group can choose your own project anytime.

PRAYER EXERCISE

Thank God for demonstrating for us what it means to serve. (Mark 10:45). Ask Him to form your heart to serve others as He has served. (Phil. 2:3-4). Ask Him to guide your group as you consider how you can be involved with The Big Serve at Creekside.

- The theme of this week's study is based on Ken Taylor's sermon, The Effects of Serving Others.