

The Cost of Service

Mark 10:35-45...

A _____-centered perspective on service:

- I. _____ should serve me (Mark 10:35)
- II. _____ should serve me (Mark 10:36-37)
- III. I should serve _____ (Mark 10:38-39)

A _____-centered perspective on service:

- I. I must _____ myself (Mark 10:43a)
- II. I must serve _____
 - A. Serving in _____ (10:43b)
 1. Servant (*diakonos*; διακονος) ...
 2. Describes what I _____
 - Matthew 10:42...
 - B. Serving in _____ (10:44)
 1. Slave (*doulos*; δουλος)...
 2. Describes who I _____
 - C. Serving like _____ (10:45)
 1. _____ (Philippians 2:3-4)
 - Humble
 - Others-focused
 2. _____ (John 13)
 - 2 Questions:
#1 - What if they don't _____ my service?
#2 - What if they take _____ of my service?

3. _____ (“gave His life...”)

- 2 Corinthians 4:5,8-9...
- Romans 12:19-20...

III. I must serve _____

A. In order to serve _____, I MUST serve _____

Luke 17:10...

Matthew 25:21...

Romans 12:10-12...

Discussion Questions:

1. Explain why we would place serving under the nail of “denying yourself”.
2. Reread Mark 10:43-44. How do you respond to this?
3. In the area of serving, are you more often self-centered or cross-centered? Please explain.
4. In which of your relationships do you need to improve your actions and attitude of service? How will you go about doing this?
5. Read and reflect on the call to serve in Joshua 24:14-24. Read these verses as a prayer to God and ask His Spirit to enable you to fulfill this call.

Suggested Reading through this series:

- **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living** Charles Swindoll (Word, Incorporated, 1981)
- **Life in the Spirit** A.W. Tozer (Hendrickson Publisher, Inc., 2009)
- **Living the Cross Centered Life: Keeping the Gospel the Main Thing** C.J. Mahaney (Sovereign Grace Ministries, 2006)
- **The Life You’ve Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People** John Ortberg (Zondervan Publishing House, 1997)
- **Hard to Believe: The High Cost and Infinite Value of Following Jesus** John MacArthur (Thomas Nelson, Inc., 2003)