

"Servolution"

"Purpose & Passion"

warm-up

Group Ice Breaker:

Describe an experience when someone truly made you feel important and valued by serving you. How would you describe their attitude? Their expressions? Their words?

word & application

Read Matthew 20:25-28 (NLT)

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. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. 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."

And

John 15:12-17 (NLT)

"This is my (Jesus speaking) commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. This is my command: Love each other."

Discussion

Notice that Jesus defines leadership as serving. He defines love by placing the needs of others above our own. And he defines friendship as a by-product of extending transparency and vulnerability within our relationships.

- When I serve, IF I serve, how do I approach "serving" in my heart? Do I have a "quid pro quo" attitude? Do I serve without expectation of recognition? Where does my motivation come from? WHY is this the source of my motivation to serve?
- Evaluate this statement: ***"The level of expectations (even the expectation of recognition) we place on others is inversely proportionate to the joy we experience in our relationships."***

Next Steps

- What one relationship will I begin to apply these principles within this week? Who will I trust? Who will I serve? Whose needs will I place above my own without expectation of recognition or reciprocation?

prayer

Share something that you've seen God doing in your life. Pray over group requests. Also, pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal in each of us the unique purpose and passions God has placed within us. Pray that as we live a life of actionably serving others we truly accept and experience God's approval and strength.