

— **What Would Jesus Say?** —

Part 4 - About Serving

Matthew 20:20-28

1. Everyone serves - Who do you serve?

Jesus said - Matthew 6:24

2. We become like what we serve—what direction are we serving towards?

Jesus said - Mathew 23:12

3. Serving releases our full potential—how are we being made more alive helping those around us?

Jesus said - Luke 6:31

Three Stories about Jesus and Service

Story 1: The Crown and the Cross

Matthew 20:20-28

Observations

Jesus says...

1. *There's no crown without the cross*

2. *If you want to be great, learn servant-leadership.*

... your capacity for greatness and leadership is given in proportion to your willingness to serve.

Story 2: Covenant vs. Contract

John 10:11-13

Observations

Jesus says...

1. *Serving is not based on beneficial outcome (contract)*

2. *Serving is based on a love of people (covenant)*

3. *The wolf will attack, serving stands in the gap of need*

Story 3: Serving under, not standing over

John 13:3-5; 12-17

Observations

Jesus says...

1. *Serve under people, don't stand over them*
2. *Wash the feet of those who don't deserve it*
3. *You're blessed if you serve*

Who will you serve? (Reflection)

John 21:15-19

Do you love me? | Serve my people.

During this series we have been encouraging people to email us questions on topics you would like to hear more about at an upcoming panel discussion. You can email us at church@riverlifecyclechurch.org.au.

Discussion Questions

1. What might be the next step God is calling you towards in serving? Is there anything holding you back from doing this?
2. What work of ministry do you believe God has given you that you know you need his strength and power to complete?
3. As we explored the three stories about Jesus teaching into service, what stood out most for you? How might that change your vision of service in your everyday life?
4. Share a story about how God has grown or spoken to you as you have stepped out to serve Him.

Check this! Shane Claiborne's book, *"Irresistible Revolution"* is a fantastic easy to read story of practical service mixed with thoughtful exploration on serving Jesus in the world.