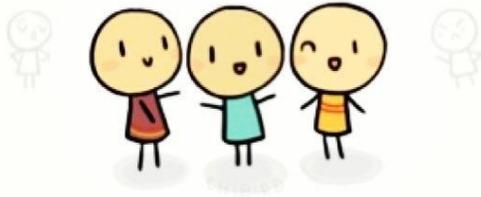


Know. Share. Serve.

Week 3: Serve

Weekly Summary: In a world where people are obsessed with personal happiness and fulfillment, the idea of being a servant seems out of place. Yet for Christians—and for a Christian congregation—true servanthood is essential. Because we were made to honor God with our lives, we are now called to serve him and him alone! But if God is in heaven—and we are not—how can we serve him as he wants? Jesus answers that question for us. Don't look up! Look out!

surround yourself with people
who make you happy.



(not people who don't.)

Be who you want
to be. Love who
you want to love.
And most
importantly, be
happy.

❖ **Mark 10:45** – “The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

❖ **Matthew 25:31-40** – “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰ The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

➤ **Big Idea:** We serve Jesus by serving _____.

- ❖ **Matthew 23:23** – “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”



- ❖ **Philippians 2:5-8** – In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

➤ Christian service isn't so much a _____ as it is a _____.

➤ **Series Wrap-Up:** Living Savior's purpose is all about _____.

Digging Deeper

1. In our individualistic culture, why are many acts of service ultimately still selfish?
2. Can you see instances when this bleeds over into your own acts of service?
3. Why can we still rejoice over someone who joins the Peace Corps or starts a homeless shelter for selfish reasons?
4. How can a person be a 24-7 servant? With all your responsibilities in life, is that even possible? Why, or why not?
5. “Satan builds chapels where God builds his church.” How did we see this with the Pharisees today? What warnings should church-going people heed from this?
6. Why must we keep the Great Servant front and center in our hearts as we engage our calling as servants each day?
7. Read James 1:27, Galatians 6:10, and 1 Peter 4:9-10. What do these verses add to our knowledge of Christian service?
8. What are some ways Living Savior can better serve? What are some ways you can individually become a more committed servant?

Homework: Read Matthew 13:44-46 to get ready for the beginning of our new series on Jesus' parables!