



Came to Serve

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Q—When have you made it about you and not Him this holiday season?

Christmas Core Truth: Jesus didn't come to make it about Himself but it really is all about Him.

Today's passage: Matthew 20:20-28 (NIV)

How you can make the Christmas party not about you:

- ⇒ **Serving sucks _____ out of us.**
- ⇒ **Don't let your _____ stop you from serving.**
- ⇒ **Serving does not happen without _____.**

"ransom" = price for release.

- ⇒ **True serving is not _____ but is to be a lifestyle.**
- ⇒ **When we serve freely, we _____ those around us.**

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

- ⇒ **As we serve, know _____ we are truly serving.**

Q—How will you honor Jesus by serving others this Holiday season?



Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: *Sips to Serving*

Warm Up: Who has modeled to you what it means to be a servant in your life, and how have they shown it?

Sermon Response: What is a “take-away” you received from Sunday’s message?

Read: Matthew 20:20-28

Discussion:

- What is your reaction and view of this mother making a request on behalf of her grown sons to Jesus?
- How would you feel if you were one of the sons? Would your parent, or would you as a parent, have done the same?
- What was this mother really asking Jesus for? What do you think her (and her sons’) mindset was for such a request?
- What does Jesus mean in his response when he uses the metaphor “drink from my cup”? What do you speculate the cup represents?
- What do you find interesting about the sons’ response to Jesus’ question at the end of verse 22?
- What was Jesus foretelling when he responded back, “you will indeed drink from my cup”? And how does it tie into their role in God’s Kingdom?
- What was the reaction of the other 10 disciples? How would you feel if you were one of them?
- Looking at verses 25-28, how does Jesus contrast their culture’s view of serving versus His Kingdom? How is this contrast still reflected today?
- How can we follow Jesus’ definition and model of being great in serving, without being taken advantage of or enabling those we’re serving?
- What is the biggest challenge you’re facing in serving others right now?

Pray Together (or in smaller micro groups)