

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

② Serve, Enjoy, Renew! The disciple of Jesus

INTRODUCTION | The working disciple

What is your vision for your life? Jesus was one who walked with a clear vision and purpose for his life. Surprisingly, that purpose was to die. His life was to be a sacrifice pointing to God's love. To us, he gave forgiveness and eternal life. Our lives and society itself, He recreated. This helps us view our lives with a different perspective. In addition, let's clarify the what keeps from us living meaningful lives. I want us to look at how Jesus pointed to his own substitutionary death and the comparison he made with his disciples. How does this allow us to evaluate "service" in our lives. This is truly a life full of meaning.

SCRIPTURE | Mark 10:35-45

10.35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" 39 And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. 42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

QUESTIONS |

- 1: (45) Let's take a look at the central theme of Jesus' message. What is Jesus talking about himself? In what ways is this point different than the teaching of other religions and their founders?
- 2: Jesus said that he will "give his life as a ransom for many." According to Jesus, what is given to us?
- 3: (42-44) How is Jesus' teaching different than the thinking and living of people in general? What do you think when you read or hear the terms "To serve" or "to become a servant"?
- 4: (35-37) What did Jacob and John ask of Jesus? If you compare Jacob and John with the other 10 disciples, was there a difference?
- 5: What are the "idols of our heart" that we need to drive out? How are those idols eating away at our lives like worms? Think about concrete example (ref Tim Keller)
- 6: Is there some way you can be serving the people around you? Discuss and pray.

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REFERENCES |

Tim Keller, Counterfeit gods, pp.

What is an idol? It is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give. A counterfeit god is anything so central and essential to your life that, should you lose it, your life would feel hardly worth living. An idol has such a controlling position in your heart that you can spend most of your passion and energy, your emotional and financial resources, on it without a second thought. It can be family and children, or career and making money, or achievement and critical acclaim, or saving “face” and social standing.

PRAYER |

- Jesus, you came and gave your life and served. We praise you for the life you lived and the vision you set before us. Even though we have placed idols in our hearts that eat away the place of God, we have received love in Christ and let us praise Him in this.
- We often forget the sacrifice of Christ and instead set up conflicting idols in our hearts. Think and reflect on the love of Christ shown on the cross and repent of your idols in light of this. Pray that you can see Christ as more wonderful than any other thing that your heart desires.

UPCOMING EVENTS | This Week & Next Week

- 1-Movie and discussion (11th)
- 2-Obento project (16th)
- 3- Matching Fund “tent project” explanatory meeting (17th)
- 4- Community Group leaders meeting (18th)
- 5- Lunchtime meeting kickoff party (20th)