

**Follow Me Part 4—Disciples Serve**  
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**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon  
and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group.  
For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the  
questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships.  
Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

**[Matthew 20:20-28, TPT]**

<sup>20</sup>The wife of Zebedee approached Jesus with her sons, Jacob and John. She knelt before him and asked him for a favor. <sup>21</sup>He said to her, “What is it that you want?” She answered, “Make the decree that these, my sons, will rule with you in your kingdom—one sitting on your right hand, one on your left.” <sup>22</sup>Jesus replied, “You don’t know what you are asking.” Then, looking in the eyes of Jacob and John, Jesus said, “Are you prepared to drink from the cup of suffering that I am about to drink? And are you able to endure the baptism into death that I am about to endure?” They answered him, “Yes, we are able.” <sup>23</sup>“You will indeed drink the cup of my suffering and be immersed into my death,” Jesus told them. “But to be the ones who sit at the place of highest honor is not mine to decide. My Father is the one who chooses them and prepares them.” <sup>24</sup>The other ten disciples were listening to all of this, and a jealous anger arose among them against the two brothers. <sup>25</sup>Jesus, knowing their thoughts, called them to his side and said, “Kings and those with great authority in this world rule oppressively over their subjects, like tyrants. <sup>26</sup>But this is not your calling. You will lead by a completely different model. **The greatest one among you will live as the one who is called to serve others,** <sup>27</sup>because the greatest honor and authority is reserved for the one with the heart of a servant. <sup>28</sup>For even the Son of Man did not come expecting to be served by everyone, but to serve everyone, and to give his life in exchange for the salvation of many.”

**Disciple = lifelong, committed follower to the words and ways of Jesus.**

***Obedience to God's commands leads to experiencing God's results.***

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**[1 Peter 1:1, NIV]**

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ...”

**[2 Peter 1:1, NIV]**

“Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ”

***Maturity and stature lead us to serve and not to be served.***

**True disciples serve...so if you're not serving, you're maybe not a true disciple!**

**The desire to serve is a supernatural byproduct of a life that has encountered Jesus!**

**[Mark 3:14, NIV]**

“He appointed twelve that they might be with him and that he might send them out...”

**[Romans 12:1]**

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”

***If you're wondering if you're truly a servant, see what comes out of you when someone treats you like one.—Ken Malmin***

(Greek) ***latreia*** – “Worship; ministry; service to God”

Christians serve to be with God; Disciples serve ***because*** they've been with God.

## **FOR MONDAY—**

1. Spend some time in the secret place in times of worship to get close to the heart of God.
2. Pray and ask God to give you a servant's heart. Ask him to reveal someone you can serve this week.

## **TALK IT THROUGH**

1. Who is someone historically that you would identify as a notable servant? What is a current example outside the church and among the body of believers?
2. Describe a time when someone went the extra mile to serve you. How did that impact your life?
3. Why do some people expect God's results, but don't receive it? What is a key qualifier to seeing the fulfillment of God's promises?
4. According to Matthew 20:20-28, what is Jesus' ultimate motivation in serving others? How can our “wearing an apron” lead to the same?”
5. Where in your life are you being served, and how can you make the change to serve? What can you do this week to get momentum in that area?
6. Who is someone you can serve without looking for a reward? Why is it important for us to serve with the attitude and heart of Jesus?
7. How do worship and service go hand-in-hand?
8. What are some differences you might see in your family, workplace, or friends if everyone served each other with love and humility?