

Mid-Week Bible Study: Week Five

The Pattern for Service

Focus Text: (Luke 19:5-10)

Learning: What are the steps of service in day to day terms?

Growing: How can I make service the central habit of my life?

The service that Jesus performed during his earthly ministry almost always follows a specific sequence. Let's explore this sequence by looking at His interactions with Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

The sequence of service is five-fold:

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1. Awareness

- Zacchaeus was a _____, _____ yet _____ man
- Jesus responded to him because he saw in him _____
- Jesus saw a man desperate for _____
- God calls us to see the _____ of others

2. Availability

- Jesus was never too busy to respond to those who sought _____
- People today are starving for the _____ and _____

- People are desperate for someone to _____ to them

Reflection Questions

1. Think of a time when discovered that someone was much different on the inside than you originally expected. What was your reaction when you discovered the “real person” inside? What had made you expect something different?
2. When have you been surprised in the past to learn that people misunderstood who you really were? What made them expect something different?
3. “Let no one seek his own, but each one the other’s well-being” (1Corinthians 10:24). Think back over the past week. When did you have opportunities to set aside your own wellbeing in order to serve someone else? What did you do?

3. Acceptance

- Jesus accepted Zacchaeus just as he was
- Because of the encounter, Zacchaeus did not leave the same
- Our motivation must be to serve that people may become their best _____
- _____ is not a denial or belief that change can’t happen

4. Abiding

- To serve other best we must _____ with them
- Service is not a “_____” activity
- Jesus made earth his home for _____ before public ministry

Reflection Questions

1. “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:8). What, besides your salvation, have you “freely received” from God? How can you share those gifts with others in service to Christ?
2. Think of someone who has chosen to abide with you in steadfast friendship. How does it feel to have that kind of friend? In what ways do you serve one another?

5. Abandonment

- Abandonment requires _____
- When Jesus encountered Zacchaeus, _____
- God calls us to abandon our concern for self and _____

Personal Reflection

Where are you in your service?

- What next step is God calling you?