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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of September 2, 2018

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MY STORY

1 This weekend we were reminded that God extends His grace to us through Christ and we should extend His grace to each other in humble service. What does humble service look like?

How are you intentionally serving those in your sphere of influence (Family, friends, co-workers)?

2 What are some of the wrong motives that cause or drive you to serve others?

Knowing you are called to serve others rightly, how can you move in overcoming these wrong motives?

DIGGING DEEPER

1 Looking at the passages below, what is the correct motivation and reason to serve others?

1 John 3:23-24, ESV – ¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

1 Peter 4:10-11, ESV – ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

2 Cor 8:9, ESV – ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

What has God done in your life that has compelled you to serve other people?

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When reading verses about Christ's humility, we see that He was willing to humble himself to the point of death on our behalf. What insight do the following verses give regarding how to rightly serve others?

Phil 2:1-8, ESV – ¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Mark 10:43-45, ESV – 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.”

In what specific ways have you humbly served others regardless of social stature?

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This Weekend, we learned that service is an integral part of the church. Based on the passages below, why is it important that each member of the church serve like Christ?

1 Tim 5:8, ESV – ⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

John 15:12-14, ESV – ¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you.

How do these passages help you gain clarity regarding your role in serving at Bay Life, in your family, and in your community?

TAKING IT HOME

As you think through the sermon and this week's study, is there anything you'd like to focus on or change in the coming week?

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PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Matt 20:1-16

Gal 6:2-3