

SERVE: ONE ANOTHER

08.01.10 Creekside Galatians 5:13-14 ~~PREACHING POINT~~ 35 Min

Family Chat:

1. Creekside Connection Card – and hold on for a min I'll give another way to use it
2. Stephen and Kyla Martin
3. Kid City AND Ministry Opportunities in Kid's Ministry:
 - 2 - 2nd and 3rd Grade Small Group Leaders
 - 4 - Assistant Small Group Leaders
 - 2 - "Apprentice" leaders for Kid's Ministry
 - 1 - Jesus Buck's Store Manager
 - 2 - Administrators
 - 4 - Kid's Concierge Workers
 - 2 - Audio and Visual directors
 - 4 - Preschool workers
 - 4 - Nursery Workers
4. Roll Call (Men's Ministry)
5. Prayer for Giving *Boy Scouts, Starbuck's, Kik, Coffee Cart, Alex. Mortons*

INTRODUCTION – We like being served but do we enjoy serving? **Ingrown eyeballs**

Attn: **All the service industries I served in** – They taught me to care for others above all
Theme: today we are going to talk about service – but not the kind that give you a pay!

SUMMARY OF THE SERIES

- Struct: "Topigetical" 6 part series on the NT "One Another" passages
- Last week we looked at the one that ties them all together – Love One Another

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER?

- To give time? To give money? To give expertise? – *yes all of the above to worship Christ*
- (all of the above by) **Giving of yourself the way Christ gave himself for you**

① FIRST, LOOK TO THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST

- **WASHING THE DISCIPLES FEET** - John 13:14, "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."
 - We must "Redefine greatness" which means that we take the world's goal of being the best, and look at it through Christ's eye. He became a servant to all.
 - **Matthew 20:28, "Christ came to serve not be served"** this is our model!
 - This example of Christ calls us to (app) **Dispel selfishness!**

IN GOD'S KINGDOM THE GREATEST IS THE LOWEST

- Notice that I didn't say "if our goal is to be the greatest" because that should ever be our goal. **If we are aiming to be the best, then we've missed before we even shot.**
- **God determines the greatest** – we just must shoot to be the lowest (Matt 18)
 - **God's Greatest = Christ likeness** He looks for the image of Christ in us

② NEXT, UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A BONDSERVANT

GALATIANS 5:13, "FOR YOU WERE CALLED TO FREEDOM, BRETHREN; ONLY DO NOT TURN YOUR FREEDOM INTO AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FLESH, BUT THROUGH LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER."

- **It is not "Freedom" from everything so we can do anything** – this is only going to result in further entrapment to sin and all that is other than Christ
- **Selfishness is the bitter weed that grows out weakness of the flesh.** We were not saved to go on sinning, but saved to portray the love of Christ to others.
 - **People are not opportunities for your own benefit, but opps for God's glory**

SERVANTS ARE NOT SELF-SEEKING

- **Philippians 2:3, "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves..."**

GALATIANS 5:14, "FOR THE WHOLE LAW IS FULFILLED IN ONE WORD: 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'"

- **One Word** – "love." The greatest command is to "Love God" and second is like it

BONDSERVANT - **Bound in service w/o wage | Willfull service after being granted freedom**

- **A. First to Christ: To Be A Servant Of Christ Requires You Confess Him As Lord**
- **B. Then to others:** You view others as the means to serving your Master. They are not the end of your service's effect – God is. **Serve others as you want to be served Christ**

THOSE WHO SERVE ARE GIVEN THE TITLE "SERVANT OF GOD"

- "If you confess me before man, then I will confess you before the father"
- We looked at last week how if we obey his command to love he will call us friend – but also an honor to be called 'Servant' – b/c his grace and our choice to stay
- **James 1:1, "James, a servant (slave, bondservant) of God and of the Lord Jesus"**
- **Colossians 1:7, "Epaphras... beloved fellow servant (bondservant)"**
- **Colossians 4:7, "Tychicus, beloved brother, faithful minister and fellow servant"**
- There is something consistent about these 'Servants of the Lord' – they were faithful!

SERVANTS MUST BE FAITHFUL AND TRUSTWORTHY

- **"It is required of stewards that they remain trustworthy."** Or **"The one who has been given trust be proven faithful?"** (NIJV) 1 Cor. 4:2
- My dad often said, **"If I can trust you with a little, I can trust you with a lot"**
- **"ESSENTIAL CHURCH" GRAPH** – Discipleship for you and for others! ~~Matt 18~~

SERVANTS MUST BE INTENTIONAL AND JOYFUL

- **OUR GIVING PASSAGE** – 2 CORINTHIANS 9:7
 - **"Do not give out of compulsion"** – time, talent, \$. App: be intentional!
 - **"But with a Cheerful heart"** – App: Be joyful! Ron – Stephen's Friend
- Toward Elders – the **"Lead Servants"** - 1 Peter 5:2, **"shepherd the flock... not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you"**

"WORSHIP" IN THE NT IS SOMETIMES TRANSLATED AS "SERVICE"

Latreia or latreou are the Greek words in the New Testament that were use for both the word "worship" as well as "Service" or "To serve". **Speaks to service as action & attitude!**

OUR SERVICE (WORSHIP) IS FROM GOD AND FOR GOD (re: children's workers on Sun)

- **John 8:29, "And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him."** Live knowing he is present
- **Romans 12:1, "I appeal to you, therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual act of worship."** Everything I got I give to Him!
- **1 Peter 4:10, "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."** Selfish kid at Christmas

OUR SERVICE (WORSHIP) AFFECTS OTHERS

- **Phil 2:17, "For even I am poured out like a drink offering upon the sacrifice of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all."** This takes TRUE Humility.
- **Who would do anything for? Family for me. An elder.** *Character 2 molly* Serve everyone like this.
- **Find the need and fill it.** Mom's passion for care ministry. Let's do this!

FINALLY, REMEMBER THIS: THE GOAL OF SERVICE IS UNITY – ONE ANOTHER

- **1 Peter 4:9 — Be hospitable to one another without complaint.**
- **1 Corinthians 12:25 — so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.** Men's Ministry Service
- **The Bell Tinkler** – everyone in their place, all working together as one