

The Art of Serving

Serving Sacrificially – Matthew 20:17-34

Discussion Points

May 16, 2021

Read/Reflect

1. Read Matthew 20: 17-34. Given the ambition of the disciples to see the nation of Israel (and their own lives) rise up and become powerful under Jesus' leadership, what was it like, do you think, for them to hear Jesus (for the third time!) talk about his impending crucifixion?
2. What corrective guidance might the two blind men who were healed by Jesus have given to the disciples in the midst of their bickering (vs.24)?

Explore

3. What might it mean for us to drink from Jesus' cup (vs. 23)? Is that an assignment you've considered?
4. What does it mean to share in the redemptive work of Christ? What are some examples from your own life when you have done so?
5. What's the most inconvenient circumstance in which you were serving. What's it like to extend grace in that circumstance? Can you serve without a sense of grace and mercy?
6. Reflect on Sam Visser's painting. What's it like to imagine that it is your foot being washed? Is it hard for you to be served? Why is that?



Pray

- ✚ Father, teach us to live sacrificially as willing servants for the good of others
- ✚ Lord Jesus, reveal to us how much grace and mercy you've extended to us so we may do the same to others.
- ✚ Holy Spirit, inspire us with a vision for life that shows off the redemption Jesus accomplished.

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