



Paradox of the Kingdom:

- >> *If you want to be great, be a _____.*
- >> *If you want to be first, be _____.*
- >> *If you want to find life, _____ it.*

Being a Servant Involves 3 Things

1. It starts with our _____.

See John 13.

>> *Our _____ must change to:
"it is _____ job".*

You battle _____ by _____.
You beat _____ by _____.

2. It requires our _____.

John 13:12-17--When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Philippians 2:3-8--Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Mark 8:34-35--Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

3. It employs our _____.

1 Peter 4:10--Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

See also Ephesians 4; 1 Corinthians 12; Romans 12.

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Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to be servant? How does one become a true servant? And why is serving worth it?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. What are some specific things you can do to grow in servanthood? What changes in attitude and action need to transpire in you to grow in servanthood?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.