

## 5.16- Service

### ***Take some time to read and reflect on the following***

Jesus says that he came to serve, not to be served. This is a drastic paradigm shift from what is most naturally desirable to us. We love to be served! In fact, most of the kinetic trajectory of our lives is spent trying to be served in increasing capacities. We take it as a sign of achievement, a sign of status, a sign of success if someone has the ability to be served.

*Jesus seeks to reorient our minds and hearts around the relationship between service and greatness.*

We generalize many jobs with the lowest reputation as the “service industry.” This is incredibly telling. We tend to view serving others as the most undesirable, the least prestigious, the ground floor from which to begin climbing that bright, shiny ladder of success. However, as disciples of Jesus, we should happily occupy places of service, viewing them as our destination and not our launching point.

*We should seek to make serving others our mode of being, and places of service those we most seek to occupy.*

Service is not merely to be an activity or a project that we engage in from time to time, but the very center of our orientation. As we seek to be great citizens of God’s Kingdom, we must remember Jesus’s often repeated words- that whoever would be great must become the servant of all.

### ***Take some time to listen to and reflect on the following***

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### ***Take some time to put the following into practice***

Seek out a way to occupy the lowest position in an act of service. Do something that is not already required of you, doing so out of a desire to serve others. Find a menial task, a thankless job, or something generally viewed as undesirable that you can take on in order to serve those around you.