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 THE JESUS WHO SERVES  
 Discussion Guide

### SERMON SUMMARY

Berchman Paul, Jr., Richmond Worship Director, explains why it is better to serve. When we serve, we point people to God. When we serve, we have an opportunity to help people cross the finish line in every season of life. When we serve, we find fulfillment that a drug cannot match, money can't buy, and that status cannot achieve.

Jesus is the ultimate example of service to others. Jesus faithfully served the Father. Jesus humbly served His friends. Jesus willingly served the world.

We live a fulfilled life when we encourage and help others, rather than trying to elevate ourselves.

### SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Mark 10:35-45 (ESV)
- 1 Peter 4:10-11 (ESV)
- Mark 8:35 (NLT)
- Luke 2:41-49 (ESV)
- John 13:1-17
- Philippians 2:8-10

### TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- What are some ways we can serve God?
- How has your life been transformed by people who have served you in the name of Jesus? How has your life been transformed by serving others in the name of Jesus?
- What does it mean to be on the right and the left of a King? Why did James and John ask this of Jesus?
- How does Jesus turn things upside down in His response to James and John's request?

#### Jesus Served the Father

- Why did Jesus serve God first?
- What are some examples of serving God?

#### Jesus Humbly Served His Friends

- How do you view Jesus washing your feet?
- What are some examples of serving friends?
- What are some ways we can slow down our pace and serve our friends?

#### Jesus Willingly Served the World

- What are some ways we can serve people we do not know?

- How can you maintain a heart posture that is willing to serve?
- Which group are you in? 1) All in to serve; 2) Sitting on your hands using excuses not to serve; or 3) today is your day to be served by Jesus.

## APPLICATION IDEAS

- Register to “Join the Team” at <https://lifepoint.org/dreamteam> to learn about serving opportunities at Lifepoint and get connected to a team leader.

## GO DEEPER

Additional ideas for a deeper study of the sermon topic.

- What were the multiple cultural, scriptural, and spiritual meanings of Jesus washing His disciples' feet?
- What is humility? How are serving and humility related?

## PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Pray that God will provide clarity on the serving opportunities each group member is to pursue and to help each to overcome any obstacles to being of service to God and people.

## LEADER TIPS

- Stress to your group members the importance of applying what God reveals. Encourage your group members to have an accountability partner to help ensure they are taking action and not just being a listener. (James 1:22)