

Servanthood Study

Introduction question:

List at least 5 responses to the question, “who are you in Christ?”

1. Definition

In your own words, define the word servant

2. My Identity

Look at Phil. 2:3-7 in relation to the passages below

-Mark 10:45

-John 12:26

-Rom. 1:1

-I Cor 4:1

-II Cor 4:5

-Phil 1:1

-James 1:1

-II Pet 1:1

-Jude 1

Summarize how these people described themselves?

Why is it important that these believers viewed themselves in this way?

What is a bonds slave? Refer to a Bible dictionary and look at Ex 21:1-6 and Deut. 15:12-18

Compare and contrast personal rights with servanthood.

Personal Rights: attitudes

Servanthood attitudes

Read II Sam 7 David asks “who am I” What does he answer? How many repetitions of his answer do you find?

When you asked yourself “Who am I in Christ?” above, did you have a servant in the list? In following the attitudes of Christ, Paul, Peter, James, and Jude, what kind of priority should “a servant” be in defining your identity?

3. What is the Major Character trait of a servant?

- Matt. 23:11-12
- Mark 9:33-35
- Mk. 10:42-45
- Lk 22:25-27

In Phil 2:3-8 what two aspects of Jesus’ character do you see?

What is the relationship between humility and servanthood?

What would it be like to serve without this attitude?

What opportunities has God given you this year to develop this part of your character?

OPTIONAL: Develop a profile of a servant from these passages
(Is 42:1-4; 49:1-6; 50:4-11; 52:13-53:12)

4. List Proper attitudes demonstrated by these servants

- Matthew 25:14-30
- Lk 10:29-37
- Lk 12:35-48
- Lk 17:7-10

List some summary statements regarding a servant of God.

Is there a difference between serving and being a servant?

What are some thoughts, fears, that keep people from being servants?

What things does one have to let go in order to be a servant?

5. My Responsibility

A. Whom should I serve?

- Ps. 2:11
- Gal 6:9-10
- Eph. 5:21
- Eph 6:5-8
- Heb. 13:7

B. Why should I serve?

- Isaiah 43:10
- Lk. 10:33-34
- II Cor 4:5
- I Pet 2:16
- I Pet 2:18-21

C. How should I serve?

- Joshua 22:5
- Gal 5:13
- Col 3:17

D. Results of serving

- Isaiah 58:10-12
- Matt 25:21
- Rom. 14:18
- I Pet 5:5-6

6. Reflections and application

Hindrances to serving: Check ones that apply to you.

- Not sensitive enough to people's needs
- Not observant enough
- Don't see serving as my role
- Pride: I don't need to do it, other can
- Disobedient when the need is obvious
- Don't have time, or don't take the time
- Lazy
- Apathetic, don't care

Pick statements that apply to you and **list** a possible solution

<u>Statement</u>	<u>Solution</u>
I don't think of it	
Others beat me to it	
I am afraid of what others will think	
I serve some, but not others	
I see needs, but do nothing when I can so something	
I don't like to serve but do it anyway	
I only serve when asked mostly	
I hope someone appreciates what I am doing	

What was your favorite one or two passages, possibly pick one from each set.

Summarize the truth of that passage

What can I do to bring about change in the areas of servanthood I have pointed out above in the list section? Be specific

- In regard to attitude?
- In regard to actions?
- How can you apply what you have learned to your school work, job, or relationships?
- Have you ever made a lifetime commitment to God to be his servant? If so, when and how did you make that commitment? If not, you can now.