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GROUPS

TALK IT OVER

THE WAY | SESSION 5: NOT SO WITH YOU

For the eight weeks of The Way group study, the weekly Talk It Over Guide will reflect the content from the group study.

CHECKING IN

- Who has positively impacted your life through serving others?
- When you think of a servant-hearted person, what qualities come to mind?

MEMORY VERSE

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

MATTHEW 20:28 NIV

The world measures greatness through power, position, and recognition. Jesus measures greatness through **service**. One of the greatest paradoxes of the Christian life is that significance is not found in being served but in serving others. We were not created merely to consume. We were created to **contribute**.

1. SERVING IS WORSHIP

Romans 12:1 · True worship is more than singing songs. Worship involves offering our entire **lives** to God. Serving becomes an act of worship when it is done for God's glory rather than personal **recognition**. Every act of service can become an expression of gratitude for God's mercy.

2. SERVING REVEALS MATURITY

Philippians 2:3-5 · Mature believers place the needs of **others** above themselves. Humility values people without seeking personal **advantage**. Jesus is the model for how we are to treat others. Serving shapes our character to become more like **Christ**.

3. SERVING CREATES ETERNAL IMPACT

1 Corinthians 15:58 · No act of service done for God is ever **wasted**. God sees what others **overlook**. Faithful service produces impact that often extends beyond what we can see. The greatest rewards are often **eternal**, not earthly.

BOTTOM LINE

THE WORLD SAYS GREATNESS IS FOUND IN BEING NOTICED. JESUS SAYS GREATNESS IS FOUND IN SERVING.

Every act of service becomes an opportunity to worship God, grow spiritually, and make an eternal difference.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think our culture often associates greatness with power, status, or recognition?
2. How does Jesus' definition of greatness differ from the world's definition?
3. What does it mean to view serving as an act of worship?
4. How has serving others helped you grow spiritually?
5. Why do you think humility is essential to Christian maturity?
6. Can you think of someone whose quiet service has made a significant impact on your life? What made it so meaningful?
7. What gifts, experiences, or abilities has God given you that could be used to serve others more intentionally?

PRAYER DIRECTION

Spend time praying in groups of two or three.
Pray specifically:

- Thank God for serving us through Jesus.
- Ask God to give you a servant's heart.
- Pray for humility and a willingness to put others first.
- Ask God to reveal opportunities to serve faithfully.
- Pray that your life would make an eternal impact for His Kingdom.

For those uncomfortable praying aloud, simply share one prayer request and allow someone else to pray for you.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Perform one intentional act of service every day this week. Look for opportunities to serve without recognition.

- Serve quietly.
- Serve joyfully.
- Serve as worship.

Ask yourself each day: "How can I reflect Jesus by serving someone today?"

DIVING DEEPER

As you read this week's daily devotions ...

- Notice how Jesus modeled servant leadership.
- Reflect on opportunities God has given you to serve.
- Ask God to reveal areas where pride or self-interest may be limiting your willingness to serve.
- Continue memorizing Matthew 20:28 throughout the week.

Daily devotions for this week: newpointe.org/daily.