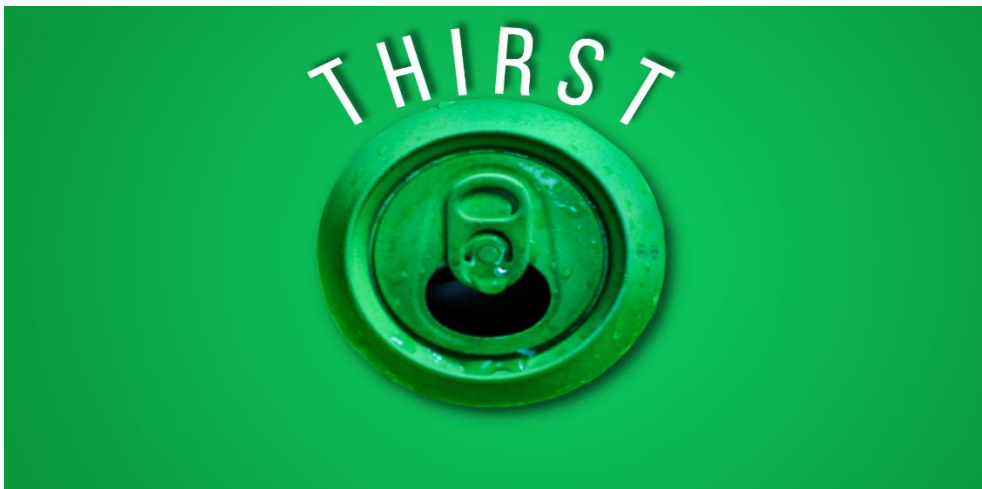


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The surprising secret to spiritual growth
John 13:1-17

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'" Matthew 22:37-39 NIV

THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS:

1. Jesus _____.

'For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many.' Matthew 20:29 NLT

2. Jesus _____ about serving.

'On the way they [the disciples] had argued about who was the greatest. He [Jesus] sat down and called them around Him and said, 'Anyone wanting to be the greatest must be the least – the servant of all!'" Mark 9:33-35 NIV

3. Jesus used parables and stories to _____ serving.

'Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.' Luke 10:33-34 NLT

'Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise.'" Luke 10:37 NIV

4. Jesus _____ service.

'Jesus knew the hour had come to leave the world and return to His Father. He now showed the disciples the full extent of His love... So he got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist,

and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel He had around Him... 'I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.'

John 13:1,4,5,15 NLT

SERVING: FROM OBLIGATION TO LIFESTYLE

1. I choose _____ over _____.

'Jesus called out to them, 'Come, be My disciples...' And they left their nets at once and went with Him. A little farther up the shore He saw two other brothers... mending their nets. And He called them to come, too. They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.'

Matthew 4:19-22 NLT

'If you love Me, obey My commandments.' John 14:15 NLT

'He (Jesus) replied, 'But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.'" Luke 11:28 NLT

2. I look for _____ to _____.

'And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of My followers, you will surely be rewarded.' Matthew 10:42 NLT

Challenge:

Evaluate: Does my lifestyle reveal that I serve from obedience?

List: Make a "I could have" list (potential acts of service)

'If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for My sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.' Mark 8:35 NLT



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the differences between being a consumer and someone who makes a contribution. What does that look like in church life?
2. Read Matthew 22:37-39. Why is life all about learning to love? What do these 'lessons' look like?
3. Read John 13:1-17. What stands out to you/shocks you in this passage and why?
4. Why is serving others so hard? Why do we find it so difficult?
5. Read Matthew 4:19-22. Notice the words, 'at once' and 'immediately' – that's obedience. In what ways do we find it hard to be, 'at once' and 'immediately' people when it comes to serving?
6. How would you define love? Now read Jesus' definition of love in John 14:15. How does your definition and Jesus' definition compare?
7. In what ways could we all develop serving/service as a lifestyle?
8. What is true significance as Jesus describes it in Mark 8:35? What does this look like in our lives?

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