

Christmas at the Cove

Week One: Servant Leader



It's the most wonderful time of the year! Lots of great things happen during the holiday season, along with many opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. During the Christmas season, it's easy to miss opportunities to serve others when we're too busy doing and getting what we want instead of seeing and meeting the needs of others. It's not always fun to serve others, especially without any expectation of receiving recognition in return. In week one of this series, we are going to look at how we can be greater by becoming servants with humility. When we become servants, we are responding to Jesus' call to consider the needs of others ahead of our own wants and desires.

Introspect

- Have you ever committed to a serving opportunity and then experienced conflict as a result of your commitment? Share your story with the Life Group.
- When you consider serving opportunities, are there any roles you think are beneath you? Name some of them. Do you ever decide which serving opportunity you do based on the recognition you're hoping you'll receive? Share with your group.

Investigate

“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials.” - Luke 22:28 (ESV)

Read Luke 22:24-30

- How does Jesus challenge our idea of what greatness really is?
- Why is stepping down to step up an important concept to understand?



“...‘Behold, I am the servant of the Lord’...” - Luke 1:38 (ESV)

Read Luke 1:30-38

- How can we see Mary’s servant heart simply by her response to Gabriel?
- How do you think you would have responded to a visit by Gabriel and hearing him give you an assignment that would have seemed impossible?

Incorporate

- What assignment has God given you, and what has He asked from you? What kind(s) of trials and difficulties have you faced because you’re doing what God wants you to do?
- In what area(s) might you struggle with wanting to be served rather than serving others? How can you begin to die to self so you can be a better servant?
- What kind of personal growth have you experienced because you served and were committed to sticking it out?

Investment

- Please pray for the launch of our new **West Rowan Community Campus** on December 7.
- Pray for the team as they prepare.
- Pray for the people who will attend the campus.
- Pray about how God may use you to serve as we continue to launch campuses of all sizes. Will you go and commit to serve?

