



Is It My Nature to Serve?
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Talk It Over

I Am A Servant
(Week 1)
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I. True serving is _____ love.

II. Counterfeit serving is _____ service.

III. _____ is our _____

SMALL TALK

1. Can you describe some specific examples that make serving others difficult?

VIEWPOINT

2. **READ Matthew 10:39.** The world often teaches that serving yourself is the path to glory. Can you give an example of this kind of thinking? But Jesus teaches something quite different from that? In your own words what is Jesus describing and how can this work? Can you think of any specific examples?
3. **READ Matthew 6:2-4.** How was this like serving, then taking a “selfie” and posting it for others to see? What was Jesus’ word for this? How is the kind of service that Jesus wants his followers to practice different from the “righteousness” the Pharisees practiced. How important is this? Consider Matthew 5:20 before you answer this question. What do you make of that?
4. **READ Philippians 2:3-11.** What did Jesus set aside to become in “very nature” a servant? How is this an example to be imitated by us (2:5)?

GETTING PERSONAL

5. How does Christ’s example of humility challenge our natural self-centeredness?
6. Which of Paul’s words seem particularly difficult to you in Philippians 2:3-8?

MAKING PROGRESS (THIS WEEK)

7. WVCC’s 5 core statements are listed below. Jim described these in terms of our logo and as downward steps of humble service, that God honors and exalts. If you heard the message, can you explain that idea in your own words?
 1. Love God Wholeheartedly
 2. Do First Things First
 3. Don’t Do Life Alone
 4. Saved People Serve People
 5. Followers Say, Follow Me!

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