

# INSIDE IDEO Privileged to Serve

MATTHEW 20:20-28

## I. Followers of Jesus focus on God's \_\_\_\_\_ rather than their own privileges.

*Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." vv. 20-23*

**YOU ARE CALLED** to use your \_\_\_\_\_ for God's purpose.

## II. Followers of Jesus focus on \_\_\_\_\_ rather than being served.

*And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." vv. 24-28*

**YOU ARE CALLED** to use your \_\_\_\_\_ to serve others.

**Confess that everything you are and anything you have is by God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

*For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:9-10a*

A FOLLOWER  
OF JESUS  
IS A  
SERVANT  
OF OTHERS

**Adopt a "give first" rather than a "get most" \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"... remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35*

**Find joy in serving others rather than seeking to be served \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2*





1. In what ways do you see a consumer mindset in our culture? How has it invaded your own life?

**FOR THIS WEEK**  
**SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:**  
 Matthew 20:28  
 "... the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."  
**JOURNAL:**  
 Matthew 20:20-28

**"[Jesus] never doubted that James and John would maintain their loyalty. They had their mistaken ambitions; they had their blindness; they had their wrong ideas; but he never dreamt of writing them off as bad debts. He believed that they could and would drink the cup, and that in the end they would still be found at his side. One of the great fundamental facts to which we must hold on, even when we hate and loathe and despise ourselves, is that Jesus believes in us."**  
 WILLIAM BARCLAY

2. Read Matthew 20:20-28. How does Jesus define leadership? Why was, and is, his definition so revolutionary?

3. Why do you think so many Christians can accept being a servant of Christ but have trouble being a servant to other people? How can this mindset be changed?

4. Explain why verse 28 is so crucial to understanding Jesus' mission on earth. How does it help when we tell others about Jesus?

5. What acts of service can you do for others this week? How can you focus on having a servant mindset toward others, rather than a mindset of being served?

**JOURNAL Matthew 20:20-28**

One commentator writes, "To improve our praying, we must improve our serving. If we are serving Him and others, then we will not be praying selfishly. ... If our prayers do not make us better servants, then there is something wrong with them." How do you respond to that statement? Is this true for you?

**COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL**

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). That's a great spot to see what's coming up!



**ELDER AND DEACON CANDIDATES**

Scan this QR code to see our full list of Elder and Deacon nominations. This list has been unanimously approved by our Board of Elders, and there you'll also find the constitutional requirements for these leadership positions. If you are a constitutional member of Christ Chapel, you'll receive a voting link at the end of this week to cast your vote by next Sunday, Aug. 28. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting held on that same day at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**WOMEN IN THE WORD** We all want to walk with Jesus in the right way. Yet how do we live out this desire when we are broken, prone to mess up, tempted to choose wrongly or perhaps even unaware of our mistakes? We need wisdom. We need skills in living. The book of James offers us practical and relevant ways to live faithfully in specific situations, and we would love for you to join us as we discover them together. Living Wisdom, Women in the Word's new series, begins Thursday, Sept. 8. Learn more by visiting [ccbcfamily.org/women](http://ccbcfamily.org/women).

**BAND OF BROTHERS** The book of Genesis is more than stories; it is a history of God's sovereign plan to offer redemption to all of us. How did this cosmic story of salvation begin? Discover the answer with us in Band of Brothers this fall as we jump into a new series, In the Beginning, starting Thursday, Sept. 8. Learn more about times and locations by visiting [ccbcfamily.org/men](http://ccbcfamily.org/men).

**GROWING STRONG** Join Pastor Andy Bowen as he teaches an 11-week guided Bible study on personal spiritual growth. Dig deep into God's Word and discover how to apply Scripture to everyday moments and struggles. Beginning Sunday, Sept. 11 at 10:45 a.m. in The Den. Visit [ccbcfamily.org/events](http://ccbcfamily.org/events) to register today.

**SERVE IN KIDS MINISTRY** We are excited to offer Kids Ministry classes for hundreds of kids every Sunday, and we're looking for more volunteers to help us teach them about Jesus! Share the gospel and give opportunities for both parents and kids alike to grow in their faith on Sunday morning. Learn more by visiting [ccbcfamily.org/kids](http://ccbcfamily.org/kids).

**GET UPDATES AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOUR WEEK.** Throughout the week, we like to post updates, events and encouragement on our Facebook and Instagram accounts. They're online communities we love and think you will too! Search [@christchapelbiblechurch](https://www.instagram.com/christchapelbiblechurch) to find us and follow along.



**LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE.** The process is quick and easy—text CCBCWC to 833-422-7200 to get started.