

Chapter 8 Discussion Questions: Servant- Reaping a Reward

Opening Question: If you could have a personal assistant or servant to help you with one area of your life, what area would you choose?

- 1) Is the thought of being a servant a positive or negative idea to you? How does it change your perception of yourself to identify as a servant?
- 2) Consider Joshua 1:1, Daniel 3:26, Luke 1:38, Philippians 1:1, James 1:1, and Revelation 15:3. What do you notice about how these leaders were described? How does this affect your understanding of both leadership and servanthood?
- 3) How does the stature or importance of the person you are serving affect your willingness to serve or your attitude while serving?
- 4) What are areas in your life that you serve, but people rarely notice or appreciate your efforts? In what ways is that difficult?
- 5) Read John 13:1-17
 - a. How did Jesus serve his disciples? Why do you think he served them in this way?
 - b. What did he command them to do?
 - c. Why is it significant that Jesus also washed the feet of Judas? What does this example teach you?
 - d. Jesus tells his disciples they will be blessed if they serve others. How have you experienced blessings as you have served others?
- 6) When serving others, do you ever grumble and complain? Or perhaps believe the work you are being asked to do is somehow “beneath you”? How does it change your perspective (and attitude) to believe that your daily acts of service are for the Lord?
- 7) Read Philippians 2:1-10
 - a. What are we commanded to do in this passage?
 - b. In what ways is Christ an example service for us? Why is his example of service so meaningful?
 - c. According to verses 9-11, what was the result of Christ’s humility?
 - d. How can we take encouragement in Christ’s exaltation?
- 8) Whom do you know as an example of service with joy and humility? What can you learn from their example? Is there a way you can encourage them in their service this week?
- 9) How does knowing that God sees your labors and rewards them encourage you in the mundane or hidden places you serve/?
- 10) As you think back over the chapter, what particular truth resonated with you? How will you live differently in light of that new understanding?