

I Am Cornerstone, I Am Sent
Week's Topic: SERVE
Discussion Guide: April 2, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household - Ephesians 2:19

Did you take any initiative to EAT with someone this past week?
Did you evaluate your mealtimes and see where you might be able to include someone else in them once a week?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week?
- Which "sent actions" are you finding easiest? Hardest?

READ and ASK: Mark 10:41-45; John 13:1-17; 14:12; Philippians 2:5-8

- Of these three passages, which one challenges the most? Why?
- Why did Jesus choose to wash His disciples' feet the night before His crucifixion?
 - o How would you have felt if you had been there?
- What example did Jesus give us to follow?
 - o What truths of God can we hang onto to live humbly?
- How does Jesus flip what "authority" means in the Kingdom?
- Dave and Jon Ferguson teach that Jesus served in proximity (those physically near him), He served personally, and He served powerfully. Which of these qualities is most difficult for you to exhibit when it comes to serving the people around you?

APPLY:

- What are some practical ways we can regularly serve others?
- Why do you think we often resist serving even people we care about most? (for example: one of the most difficult places to practice service is in our own household)

- What attitudes or actions do you feel convicted to change after reading these passages?
- Why is it important to see service as a posture?
 - o How do you struggle with seeing service as more of a posture than an action?
 - o NEXT STEP: Who and how do you think God wants you to serve this week?

Memory Work:

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. - Mark 10:45

Next Week's Reading:

John 9:1-34; John 20:1-18; Acts 1:1-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8