



Habit #4: Serve

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"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

– *MLK, Jr.*

The Hand of God (*2 Timothy 1:6*)

"Most people have uphill hopes but downhill habits."

– *John Maxwell*

How will you, like Jesus, give your life in service for others?

(*Mark 10:43-45*)

2 Timothy 1:6-7; Romans 12:6; 1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

The Breath of God (*2 Timothy 1:6-7*)

Midweek Small Group Discussion:

Mark 10:35-45

What stood out to you or stirred within you during Sunday's worship service?

Read Mark 10:35-45. As the passage is read, pay attention to which character you can most relate to. After the passage is read, describe the various emotions that were expressed in this story.

In verse 35, James and John said, "We want you to do for us whatever we ask." What do you think caused those two disciples to make such a bold request? Does it surprise you that Jesus asks them what they want? Why or why not?

Reading into verses 35 and 36, how would you describe the relationship between James and John and Jesus?

Imagine Jesus looking at you as He asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" What would you say in reply?

What were James and John really wanting when they asked if they could sit at Jesus' left and right hand? Close relationship with Jesus? Power and position? Special treatment? Security?

What is Jesus referring to when he said, "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

How does Jesus' model of a servant influence your view of Spiritual power? How does it impact the use of your gifts?

Depending on how well you know one another within your group, share what gifts you see in others. (Some Spiritual Gifts are listed in Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12.)

Drawing from Gary's message on Sunday, gifts are empowered by the Spirit (the Breath of God) and the Hand of God. How would you know if it is truly God's power at work through you when you serve? How do you recognize the times you are merely serving in your own strength?

In what ways will you open yourself up to receive God's power for serving?

MLK, Jr. said, "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way." Name one small thing you could do in a great way this week in each of the following environments:

- In your home
- At your workplace
- In church
- In your community