

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What do you think the Bible means by the word, “heart”?
2. Why is it important for believers to have the heart of a servant?
3. What are some misunderstandings of humility in our culture today?
4. Describe the difference between a heart that is obedient and one that is not.
5. What does it mean to take up your cross and follow Christ?
6. What is the result of having a servant’s heart?
7. How can we live out these truths in our lives this week?

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Sermon Study Guide
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SERMON NOTES

A BELIEVER’S HEART

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross. ⁹Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Proverbs 4:23

²³Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

Luke 6:45

⁴⁵A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

- **Today we are looking at having a heart of a servant.**

Matthew 20:26-28

²⁶Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. ²⁷And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

- **What the Apostle Paul wrote about the servant heart of Jesus:**

1) A Humble Heart

Philippians 2:7

⁷but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men.

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The word “reputation” literally means “to pour oneself out”.
The heart of a servant relinquishes their rights in order to serve their master.

John 13:5

⁵ After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded.

Philippians 2:3-4

³ *Let nothing be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

1 Peter 5:5

⁵ Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

2) An Obedient Heart

Philippians 2:8

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross.

1 Corinthians 4:2

² Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

3) A Sacrificial Heart

The heart of a servant recognizes that by serving others, we serve Christ.

Matthew 25:40

⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’

Jesus makes this idea of sacrifice clear saying -

Luke 9:23

²³ Then He said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

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A servant will put others before themselves. They’ll relinquish their rights in order to serve others. They are willing to sacrifice.

Isaiah 53:3-5,8,11-12

³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. ⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. ¹¹ He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

Matthew 25:40

⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’

James 4:10

¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

John 13:17

¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Greatness comes from the humility of being a servant of the Most High God.

Colossians 3:23

²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

The ultimate reward for having a servant’s heart is having the joy of the Lord and the reward of heaven once this life is over hearing Jesus say –

Matthew 25:23

²³ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’