

STUDY ON IDENTITY IN CHRIST: SERVANT OF ALL

Divine Abundance 2026 Weekly Sermon Series

Warming Up... There is a debate in the TV show “Friends” (in season 4 episode 4) when Phoebe and Joey debate if there is such a thing as a “selfless good deed.” Do you think there is such a thing as a “selfless good deed” Why or why not? Find examples to back your belief.	Aims & Objectives of today’s session: Today’s focus is to look to Christ, and how he is the perfect example of servanthood –linking to how that affects our identity in Christ.
Starting point... 1. What do you think are some key differences between the word “slave” and “servant”, if any? Give examples. 2. Before referring to the bible, in your own words, share how is Jesus the ultimate, perfect example of a servant? 3. Now look at Mark 9:35 – what do you think this means? Looking at the Word... 1. Now read Mark 10:32-45. What stands out to you the most about Jesus’ willingness to continue toward Jerusalem–knowing His own eventual outcome? How would you feel if you were in his shoes? What emotions or feelings would you most likely feel? 2. Why do you think James and John made this request? 3. In what ways do we sometimes seek recognition when serving? 4. How does Jesus’ definition of greatness differ from the world’s? 5. What does Mark 10:43-45 teach us about who Jesus is? Final points for us... Split into smaller groups, or pairs/trios: 6. Think about your own life–is there someone or something God is telling you to serve, despite how much of a sacrifice it will demand of you, your time, energy, resources? Is there any resistance? Why? Be honest. OR 7. Are there any areas of your life where you may wish to seek recognition more than doing a service quietly? How can we practically remind ourselves to quietly look to Jesus instead? Praying to close... Spend time praying in response to answers for Q6 or 7. Pray specifically with Jesus in mind, and what He demonstrated and said in Mark 10:43-45. Many times we complain in an attempt to bring recognition to our sacrifice or struggles. But let us now turn that complaint into prayer to God—who hears our every concern.	Things to note: The word “slave” and “servant” are interchangeable words in the original biblical greek. One is positive while the other has negative connotations due to what the world has done in the abuse of slavery. Mark 10:32-45 Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem and He knows His outcome: that death is awaiting Him. Yet instead of focusing on Himself, He teaches His disciples what true greatness looks like. While the disciples were thinking about positions of honour and glory, Jesus points them toward something more humbling: a life of servanthood. While the disciples sought positions of honour, Jesus walked toward the cross. While the world pursues power, Jesus embraced service. Not seeking to be served, but seeking opportunities to serve others in love, humility and sacrifice. This is a challenge for us all, but one that only God can help us do in our service of Him. May it be about Jesus and not about selfish gain or recognition. Homework / Challenge for this week This week, consider doing something kind for someone. Pray to God and ask Him to inspire you to do something. This is between you and God. And let it be done in secret. Examples: blood donation, anonymous donation to charity, helping with some form of aid. But may it be done quietly! Ending with prayer Jesus, You are the ultimate example of the Servant, who humbled Himself to the point of death on the cross. May You help us to live a life of service to You, whatever that might look like. Amen.