



GIVE YOURSELF AWAY



A Series on Serving God's Kingdom Well

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In groups of 3 or 4, ask: *Who is someone you know (or knew in the past) who was really good at serving other people?*

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When we began this series, we learned that a few of Jesus' disciples were asking who would be the greatest among them.

How wrong they were about the kingdom!

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We've learned that servanthood is the only path to significance, and that even leadership positions are really about empowering the service of others.

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We also learned that each of us has a SHAPE that is completely unique (meaning that there is NO ONE ELSE who can serve in exactly the way you can)!

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For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use **your freedom to serve** one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

- Galatians 5:13-14

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Now, we discover that Jesus has set us FREE, but that rather than doing whatever we please, we should use our freedom in the *willing, love-motivated service* of God and others.

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Matthew 25:14-30

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Notice: the INEFFECTIVE, UNFAITHFUL servant
was motivated by fear and selfishness.
Most of all, it seemed he had an aversion to
hard work!

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The FAITHFUL, EFFECTIVE servants “went to work” investing and cultivating that which their master had entrusted to them. They lost no time.

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Imagine Jesus saying to YOU:

“Well done _____, my good and faithful servant.
You were faithful in handling this small amount while
you were on earth, so now I will give you many more
responsibilities in my heavenly kingdom.
Let’s celebrate together!”

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Imagine Jesus saying to YOU:

“_____, you wicked, lazy servant! You did nothing with the investment I made into you, and you have nothing to show for the life I entrusted to you. What did you do, during all of that time?”

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What has God invested into you? How are you honoring Him and loving others with that investment? What returns have you seen so far?

READ ALOUD

LET US NOT LOSE THE VISION

God has given us a purpose and mission in life.

LET US NOT LOSE ANY TIME

God's investment into us could be bearing fruit even now, as soon as we put it to work.

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LET US TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

God has given us all a unique job to do in the church family, and in the world.

LET US SERVE AND EMPOWER ONE ANOTHER

We only succeed in service if we do it in connection with others.

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LET US SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY

There is so much we can do, so many places we can invest, so many people we can love.

LET US LOOK FORWARD WITH GLADNESS

There will be a day when we are rewarded for our service to Christ, when He says, "Well done, good and faithful servants!"