

MAIN POINT:

**Real Servanthood is a
Real Sacrifice**

ICEBREAKER: What super hero, or historical figure has offered the greatest “service” to mankind?
Why?

INSTIGATION:

1. Be honest. Would you rather serve or be served? Why?
2. Do you think you can be a true servant if you are self centered or selfish? Why or why not?

EXPLORATION:

1. Read Philippians 2: 12-18. According to this passage, is it up to you to serve? Or is it up to the Lord to give you the strength to serve? Discuss the balance between the two.
2. Read Philippians 2: 14. Discuss this truth. Be transparent. “Complaining is a sign that you have your own interests in mind”. What areas of your life you the most likely to grumble and complain about?
3. Read Philippians 2: 19-21. In this passage make as many observations as you can to site how Timothy was a true example of servanthood.
4. Read Philippians 2: 25-30. In this passage make as many observations as possible to show how Epaphraditus demonstrated that “real servanthood is a real sacrifice”.

APPLICATION:

1. Evaluate your life in light of the following statement:

“True greatness, true leadership, is found in giving yourself in service to others, not in coaxing or inducing others to serve you. True service is never without cost.” - J. Oswald Chambers, *Spiritual Leadership*

2. Read Philippians 2: 30. It seems that Epaphraditus nearly served himself to death because something was lacking in the Philippians servanthood. Who might be having to go extra hard when you are slack in your service at home, at church, at work, in your community?
3. In light of this passage discuss the Main Point of this study: Real Servanthood is a Real Sacrifice
4. Have a time of prayer and application. In this prayer time make sure to pray for and/or chose an opportunity for your group to serve together. Pray for opportunities to be better servants individually. Pray that the Lord will adjust our MOODS!!