

KINGDOM STORIES

A Servant's Heart: Pastor Mark Pope

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1. Read John 5:17 and Matthew 20:26-28
According to some statistics, as many as 85% of people hate their jobs. Many endure work with the goal of making it to the weekend or vacation. Why do you think that is?
2. Pastor Mark shared that his neighbors are busy dairy farmers. He commented that they appear to work twelve to fifteen-hour days caring for acres of land, hundreds of cows, and a new creamery business. Yet they appear to be happy. When a neighbor stops by and interrupts them, they are likely to smile and stop for conversation. How do you tend to respond to "interruptions" after an extremely long workday?
3. Pastor Mark shared that a great servant attitude embraces multi-tasking. The disciples had many tasks assigned ranging from powerful works such as healing to smaller tasks like serving food or fetching a donkey. How do you think the disciples felt when asked to do a "lesser task?" What can we learn from their response?
4. Read John 13:3-5
Jesus set an example of service without boundaries. Before going to the cross, Jesus took time to wash his disciples' feet. Why do you think he would model this kind of behavior?
5. Pastor Mark shared that most job descriptions carry the phrase, "other duties as assigned:." How do you tend to respond to "lesser tasks" that may not be part of your job description?
6. In Luke 17:10 we see that a great servant attitude expects no applause. How does it make you feel if you have done your job well, yet no one notices?
7. Read Matthew 6:1-18
Three times in this section Jesus uses the phrase "your Father, who sees what is done in secret will reward you". How do these Scriptures make you feel about the value of seeking "rewards" from people instead of God?
8. Pastor Mark ended his talk by challenging us to "do something with only God in mind this week". Will you accept that challenge? What do you plan to do?