



CONNECTIONS

Sermonnotes - October 2, 2016

Keyverse

(Jesus said) "Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant." Mark 10:43

Serve 168

To serve means to love well the person in front of you. Pastor Ken

1. Think of a time that someone served you in a practical way. What was the situation? What did they do? How did you feel?

2. Read Mark 10:35-45 together then respond to the questions below:
 - Do you think we naturally desire to become great among others (v43)? Should we? Explain.

 - Where are you serving that involves a position of some kind? What opportunities does this role give you to serve others well? How do you handle the temptation to “lord it over” or “exercise authority” (v42)?

 - Where are you serving that involves no position or identified role? What are other examples of this kind of serving? How is this different for us than serving within an identified role?

 - Which do you think is better for a Christian—to serve without a position or to serve within a role? Why?

3. What would cause the three closest people in your life to say, “Wow! Thank you for helping me with that. That was just what I needed!” What makes it harder at times to serve the people closest to us? Did Jesus address that in Mark 10:35-45?

4. Look over your *CG Ministry Plan* together, especially the “Serve” area. How could your group serve others well this year? Be specific and practical but dream big!

5. Of the three areas of serving that Pastor Dan mentioned—your home, your church, your world—what area did God especially speak to you about? What step could you take to serve well in that area?