

## Servant Leadership (Sermon Text: Mark 9:30-37)

### Intro questions

- Do you find it easy or difficult to serve others?
- What types of people are easiest to serve? What types are difficult?
- Tell a story about when someone served you. What did you learn from that experience?

### Into-the-Bible Questions

- Philippians 2
  - How does humility factor in to servant leadership?
  - How does unity factor in to servant leadership?
  - How do the examples of Timothy and Epaphroditus illustrate servant leadership?
- Servant Songs (Isaiah 42:1-4; 49:1-7; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12; 61:1-3)
  - What was the role of God's servant to be?
  - How is this servant described?
  - How would this servant execute the role he was given?
  - How does Jesus complete the role of God's servant as described here?
- Mark 8-10 (8:27-38; 9:30-41; 10:32-45)
  - Three times Jesus instructs his disciples about his upcoming death and resurrection and three times they misunderstand him.
    - What are the three misunderstandings?
    - What are the three corrections Jesus makes as he teaches them what it means to follow him?
    - Why are these important distinctions to be understood?
    - How does Jesus' servanthood fit into God's plan of redemption?

### Application Questions

- Priming the Pump
  - What was your main takeaway from the lesson this morning?
  - How does it impact you to think that God calls for you to become smaller in the eyes of the world to become great in his eyes?
- Connecting
  - How would you explain this teaching about servant leadership to two children who are arguing over toys on a playground?
  - How does this concept apply when you are struggling to get along with a coworker? A church member? A spouse?
  - How do you become a servant leader and avoid being walked all over?
- Digging Deeper
  - Who do you need to overcome a grudge with and begin serving?
  - What do you most need to learn about serving others?
  - Who have you been avoiding serving? Why?