

Difference Maker

Something Bigger (Than Me)

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Three ways meaning/joy can be taken out of service:

1. Serving only out of _____.
2. Serving only for the _____.
3. Serving only for _____.

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him.

"Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." ³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." **Mark 10:35-37, NIV**

James and John thought that having a _____ would allow them to be part of _____ than themselves.

³⁸ "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "**Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?**" ³⁹ "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." **Matthew 10:38-40, NIV**

Being part of something bigger always involves _____.

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. **Mark 10:41-42^a, NIV**

Being part of something bigger does not come from

_____ self and _____ others.

⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. **Mark 10:43-44, NIV**

In God's kingdom we don't _____ our way to the _____, We claw our way to the _____.

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." **Mark 10:45, NIV**

⁵ In your relationships with one another, **have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:** ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, **he made himself nothing** by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ **Therefore God exalted** him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Philippians 2:5-11, NIV**

Jesus' humble _____ brought forgiveness to all people. Our service has _____ because it brings Jesus' love to all people.

MEMORY VERSE

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Bottom Line: We are all part of the biggest thing of all. Jesus served us by giving his life on the cross. We serve others by sharing Christ's love with them.