

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
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Friends

Matthew 20:20-28

20 The wife of Zebedee approached Jesus with her sons, Jacob and John. She knelt before him and asked him for a favor. 21 He said to her, "What is it that you want?" She answered, "Make the decree[a] that these, my sons, will rule with you in your kingdom—one sitting on your right hand, one on your left." 22 Jesus replied, "You don't know what you are asking." Then, looking in the eyes of Jacob and John, Jesus said, "Are you prepared to drink from the cup of suffering that I am about to drink? And are you able to endure the baptism into death that I am about to endure?" They answered him, "Yes, we are able." 23 "You will indeed drink the cup of my suffering and be immersed into my death," Jesus told them. "But to be the ones who sit at the place of highest honor is not mine to decide. My Father is the one who chooses them and prepares them." 24 The other ten disciples were listening to all of this, and a jealous anger arose among them against the two brothers. 25 Jesus, knowing their thoughts, called them to his side and said, "Kings and those with great authority in this world rule oppressively over their subjects, like tyrants. 26 But this is not your calling. You will lead by a completely different model. The greatest one among you will live as the one who is called to serve others, 27 because the greatest honor and authority is reserved for the one with the heart of a servant. 28 For even the Son of Man did not come expecting to be served but to serve and give his life in exchange for the salvation of many."

We are not just _____ to serve, we were _____ to serve

Matthew 20:26-27

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Luke 10:38-42

38 As Jesus and the disciples continued on their journey, they came to a village where a woman welcomed Jesus into her home. Her name was Martha and 39 she had a sister named Mary. Mary sat down attentively before the Master, absorbing every revelation he shared. 40 But Martha became exasperated with finishing the numerous household chores in preparation for her guests, so she interrupted Jesus and said, "Lord, don't you think it's unfair that my sister left me to do all the work by myself? You should tell her to get up and help me." 41 The Lord answered her, "Martha, my beloved Martha. Why are you upset and troubled, pulled away by all these many distractions? 42 Mary has discovered the one thing most important by choosing to sit at my feet. She is undistracted, and I won't take this privilege from her."

We are called to do both – _____ at the feet of Jesus, and _____ and serve. We just need to get the order right.

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

As we are _____ into His image, serving _____ flows out of us.

We are not just CALLED to _____, we were CREATED to _____

1 Peter 4:8-11

Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint. 10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 Whoever speaks, is to do so [a]as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving [b]by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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Luke 19:15-24

15 “He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. 16 “The first one came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned ten more.’ 17 “‘Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.’ 18 “The second came and said, ‘Sir, your mina has earned five more.’ 19 “His master answered, ‘You take charge of five cities.’ 20 “Then another servant came and said, ‘Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. 21 I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.’ 22 “His master replied, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? 23 Why then didn’t you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?’ 24 “Then he said to those standing by, ‘Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.’

What concerns me is that sometimes we _____ greater _____ and _____ the influence and _____ that God has given us to serve our own family.

1 Peter 4:8

Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

It’s ok for your love for the people in your house to be _____: it’s called _____. Allow it to have its full work in your heart.

1 Peter 4:9

Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

Let's serve our families _____, as we would serve _____ in our home – and with a _____ heart

1 Peter 4:10

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

God calls us to _____ well the gifts that we are given so that they are put to use actually _____ one another.

1 Peter 4:11

Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever.

When we speak _____ over our husband and children, it actually calls into existence their God-given _____.

We are not just _____ to serve, we were CREATED to _____

Where is the Lord calling you to be stretched in your capacity to love and serve?

Is he calling you to serve your family with generosity and without complaining?