



Liberty LifeGroups Discussion

EXTRAORDINARY (Consumer to Contributor)

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This Discussion Guide is prepared to help believers apply the truths of Scripture to life. As you prepare, make sure you have read the Scripture text and listened to the Sermon. If you missed the Sermon, go to www.experienceliberty.org and select the Sermon title listed above.

"THERE IS NO WAY TO BECOME EXTRAORDINARY WITH A PLAN B" ----MATT BURRELL

HOW DO WE MOVE FROM AN ORDINARY CHURCH TO AN EXTRAORDINARY CHURCH?

- Why is the mindset of church people : *"What can the church do for me?"* Can this thought pattern be seen in other areas of your life?
- Describe how are you involved in church ministries? (Consumers complain and contributors encourage people)

Contemplate the table below and consider where your mindset might be:

Consumer	✓	Contributor	✓
I complain about people		I encourage people	
I criticize people		I empower people	
I hoard		I sacrifice	
I compete with people		I work with people	
I take		I volunteer	
I buy		I give	
I obtain		I serve	
I waste		I save	
I love things		I love people	

1. We must lose our religious attitudes

Double Standards

Matthew 23:3 Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.

- Do we put out a standard of do what I say and not what I do in church?
- We often do not realize we are an example to those in our community as well as our families. As a parent have you ever coached your child to do something you do not do?
- Define hypocrite.

Pretentious Displays

Matthew 23: 5 But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments.

- What do you feel is appropriate for social media posts---religious activities, politics, family vacations, Bible verses, etc.
- Is what you post for the glory of God or self?

Titles and Positions

Matthew 23:6 They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, 7 greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.'

Churches have many committee titles in its organization.

- Why do we have titles?
- What is the importance of a title? Does it hold any importance to the way we should view ourselves? If you are not recognized for what you do, would you serve less vigorously?
- Does God care more about the title you carry or the serving you perform?

2. We are all family and all the same

We are all family

Matthew 23:9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

Consider yourself as family to our church members. Not unequal but equals.

- If we are equals, then why do we often look at ourselves as being something above or less than equal? Where does this mindset of us being something other than equals come from?

We have the same boss

Matthew 23:8 But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren

When we obtain a title and begin to place a title above people, we move from contributor to consumer. We consume the equality we once had and contribute our self-grandiose to others. Grandiosity is an exaggerated sense of one's importance, power, knowledge, or identity, even if there is little evidence to support the beliefs. This was the error of the Pharisees. In other words, if we are going to brag about someone it had better be Christ and not ourselves.

- Which title is more important: President, Owner, Senior, CEO, Manager, Pastor, or servant?

3. We are called to serve

Matthew 23:11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Most people think to be great you must be a managing director.

- Why is Chick Filet so successful...one phrase they use..."How can I **serve** you?" Why is that such an important part of their success?
- Consider serving isn't explicitly for others, but to the king of kings. You are not serving others, rather you are serving the kingdom of God. How does that mindset change your outlook on serving?

Take it Home

Are You A Contributor or Consumer?