

Empowering Servanthood
Mathew 20:20-28

New Vision exists to transform people and their communities by replicating followers of the biblical Jesus through expressing love, equipping believers, empowering service and evangelizing near and far.

I. Servanthood is not self promotion Matthew 20:20-21

A. A mother seeks a position of prominence for her sons (20)

20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.

B. A petition for promotion (21)

21 And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."

II. Servanthood is costly Matthew 10:22-23

A. Have you considered the cost of your request? (22)

22 But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able."

B. There is a cost for your request (23)

23 So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father."

III. Servanthood is what makes us great Matthew 20:24-28

A. Indignation among the brethren (24)

24 And when the ten heard *it*, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers.

B. Jesus teaches about what servanthood is 25-27

25 But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. 26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. 27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—"

C. Jesus reveals the heart of servanthood 28

28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Conclusion

- 1. Servanthood is not about self promotion.**
- 2. Servanthood is costly.**
- 3. Servanthood is what makes us great.**