

## Spiritual Discipline: Service

Mark 10:45 (NIV)

*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.*

- Reflect on a time when you were the beneficiary of someone serving you. What did they do? How did their service benefit you? How did their service benefit the kingdom of God?
- What can we learn about service from the following biblical passages?
  - Matthew 20:20-27
  - I Corinthians 9:19
  - Colossians 3:23-24
  - Romans 12:9-13
- Reflect on the following quote from Richard Foster:

“Our Lord’s unique service of redemption through the Cross is unrepeatable. However, we are called to serve through the many little deaths of going beyond self. And as we live out our lives for the good of others, amazingly, we find ourselves, we discover our sense of place.” (Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline Study Guide*, 52)

- How does service benefit the one who serves?
- Reflect on a positive experience of serving someone else. Share what you did and how God used it to benefit you personally.
- How does service work humility into our lives? Why do you think this is important?
- Can service become self-serving? If so, how? How can we guard against this?
- Does service mean that we allow ourselves to be taken advantage of or that we have to say yes to everything? If no, then how do we set appropriate boundaries?
- How do we know who we are supposed to serve? How can we be intentional about serving through the guidance of the Holy Spirit?
- As a K-group, how can we serve others together? How can we serve each other?
- What is God prompting you to do as a result of this study?

Give this prayer a try this week, “Lord Jesus, I would so appreciate it if you would bring me someone today whom I can serve.” (Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline Study Guide*, 55)