

“Be Like Jesus: Servanthood (6)”

(Matthew 20:20-28; John 13:1-5, 12-17)

Balanced Biblical Teaching on Forgiveness

The Offended – Forgive; the Offender – Seek Forgiveness

Today: Biblical Servanthood is the Personification of Jesus’ “Gentleness and Humility”

I. To be Great in the Kingdom of God (Matthew 20:20-28)

A. Jockeying for Position of Honor (vv 20-21)

B. Jesus’ Reply: The Cost Associated with Following Jesus (vv 22-23; Matthew 16:24): In God’s Plan, Suffering Always Comes Before Glory

C. Kingdom Mindset in Contrast to the Secular Mindset (vv 25-28)

In the Kingdom of Men, the Position Defines the Authority; in the Kingdom of God, the Authority is Derived from Servanthood, not by Position

Jesus Christ – the Supreme Example (v 28)

II. The Spirit of Servanthood – the Lesson of Foot Washing

A. Lingering Disputes Among Disciples (Luke 22:24)

Two Indispensable Elements in the Spirit of Servanthood are Gentleness and Humility

B. An Object Lesson of Gentle and Humble Servanthood (John 13:1-5)

C. The Purpose for this Demonstration (John 13:12-17)

D. An Lasting Impact (1 Peter 5:2-6)

III. Submission and Servanthood: A Humble Heart Leads a Person to Submission; and a Gentle Spirit of Submission is Inseparable from Biblical Servanthood

A. Biblical Servanthood – A Path to Spiritual Freedom

B. Spiritual Gifts are for Service: Self-righteous Service or True Service?

A Person who Chooses Voluntarily to Be a Servant, cannot be Manipulated... Freedom!

Reflection: Be Like Jesus by Choosing to be a Servant!

**May JBC be Known as a Serving Church for our Community...
Move Toward Fulfilling God’s Kingdom Agenda**

“像耶稣：做仆人 (6)” (马太福音 20:20-28; 约翰福音 13:1-5, 12-17)

关乎宽恕、饶恕的圣经平衡教导：

被得罪的 - 宽恕、饶恕；得罪人的 - 求宽恕、饶恕

今天：圣经化的 “做仆人” 是耶稣 “柔和、谦卑” 特性的化身表现

I. 要在神的国度里为大 (马太福音 20:20-28)

A. 运用手段争取高位 (20-21 节)

B. 耶稣的回答：跟随耶稣的代价 (22-23 节；马太福音 16:24)

在神的计划里，得荣耀之前必先受苦

C. 国度观和世俗观的对比 (25-28 节)

在人的国度，地位决定了权威；

在神的国度，权威是从 “做仆人”、不是从地位而来的

II. 做仆人的心志 - 洗脚的教训

A. 门徒之间缠绵不愈的争执 (路加福音 22:24)

仆人心志中两个不可缺少的元素是柔和、谦卑

B. 做柔和、谦卑仆人的具体实例 (约翰福音 13:1-5)

C. 示范的目的 (约翰福音 13:12-17)

D. 持久的影响 (彼得前书 5:2-6)

III. 顺服和做仆人

谦卑的心使人顺服；柔和、顺服之心和圣经化的做仆人是不可分割的

A. 圣经化的仆人 - 得到属灵自由的途径

B. 属灵恩赐是为了要服事：自我为是的服事、或是真正的服事？

自愿选择做仆人的人不能被别人操纵… 自由！

反思：以选择做仆人而更像耶稣！

但愿我们社区看到的以勒，是一个服事的教会… 渐渐朝向满足神的国度目标