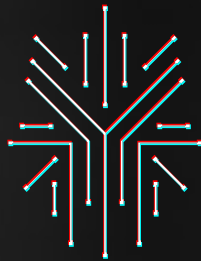




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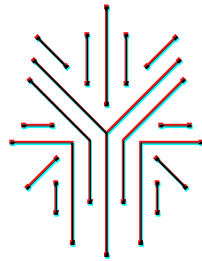
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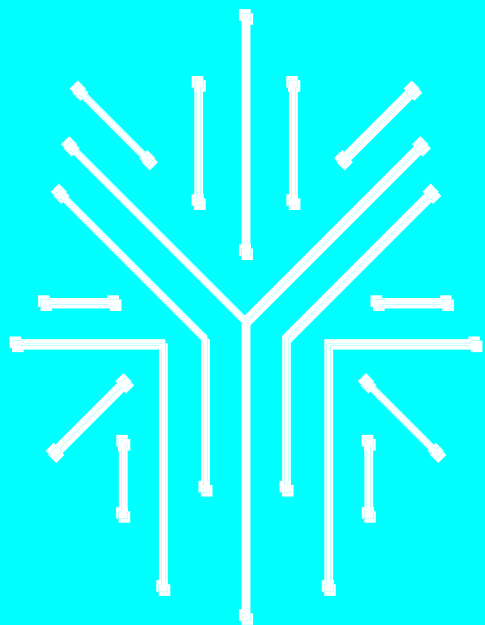
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DISCIPLES OF JESUS ARE

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& CITY



The Christian life is one of constant service to Christ and others.

What words come to mind when you think of the person and life of Jesus? Jesus' entire life was one giant act of service, and it culminated in the greatest act of humble service the world has ever seen: his crucifixion. When we stop to think about his life and the truth that God gave himself in the place of sinful rebels, we realize that serving others isn't always easy and it isn't about our comfort. Think about it – is serving others and putting their needs before your own ever easy? But the life of the Christ follower isn't about what's easy. Our lives in Christ are about what molds us more and more into the image of God. That's what our identity formation is about. The great news is that Jesus not only shows us how to serve, but he gives us the power through his Spirit to do so.

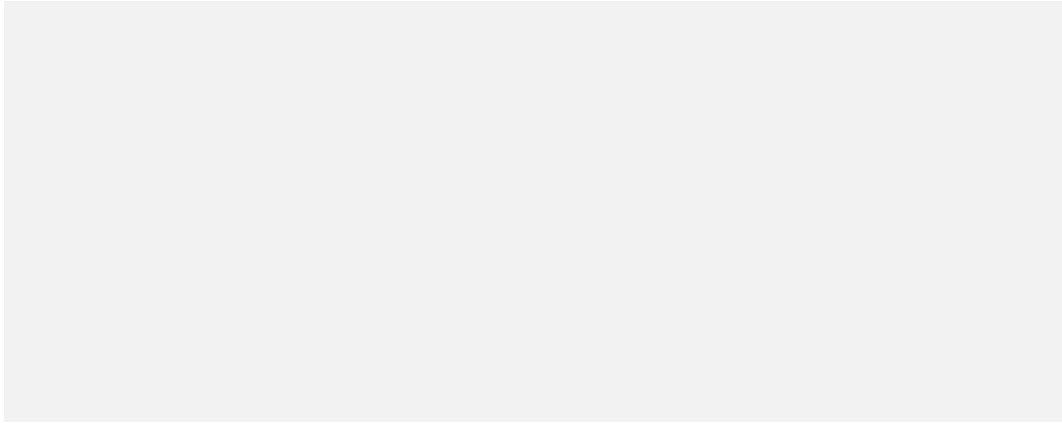
Why does the follower of Jesus need to be a servant? They seek to serve and have that as a core part of who they are because they've been captivated by Christ's sacrificial love perfectly demonstrated on the cross. When we model our lives after the life of Jesus, we give of ourselves for the good of others. The way we serve others gives a preview and acts as a symbol to the way Christ has served us, doesn't it? Every act of service we engage in points back to the cross where Jesus died in our place. This is why the follower of Christ is a servant. We serve because we are fully aware of the magnitude in which God has served us. There's no greater response.

The identity of the Christian is wrapped up in humility and gratitude; humility because we know what God had to do for us in order to save us, and gratitude because we know God came for us, his very enemies, when there was no other hope for us.



READ JOHN 13:1-20

Q: Why was Jesus' act of service so unique?



PRIDE: THE OBSTACLE OF SERVICE

Focus on ourselves and our own needs is the very thing that keeps us from serving others. But when we think about our identities in Christ, we realize we aren't our own. Scripture says we were bought at a price – a price that Christ paid with his very body and blood. When we give ourselves over to letting Christ and his work define who we are, we embody the role of servants. When we fix our eyes on Calvary, we realize that in order to walk the earth and achieve salvation for humanity, Christ left his heavenly home. He gave up his royalty for rags. He exchanged his power for poverty. He left his Father to live with and walk among his enemies – people that would eventually elect to have him killed. Have you ever encountered such sacrifice? Such service? This is our Savior. This is our King.

The gospel should always humble us. The beauty of Jesus in our place teaches us that there is nothing about us that makes us better than someone else. There is nothing about us that makes us worthy of power over someone else. Everything we've been given is a gift of sacrificial grace. Jesus shows us the beauty of true humility.

The Savior became the Servant. Victory came through defeat. Power comes through sacrifice. This is the model for the follower of Jesus.



READ PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

Q: In your own life, what makes it difficult to sacrificially serve others?

Q: How important is reflecting on the gospel to living a life of Christ-like service?

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A LIFE CONSUMED WITH CHRIST

When the gospel roots itself deep in our souls, it begins to transform every aspect of our lives. Christ's Spirit begins to work in us in such a way that humble service of others for the glory of God becomes our focus. This is the life consumed by Christ and his work on our behalf. Use the space below to write words and short phrases that describe the Christ-filled life.

FOR FURTHER READING
PSALM 32



A LIFE CONSUMED WITH SELF

In contrast to the life consumed by Jesus is the life consumed with self. When we are consumed with our own desires and our own needs, we lose sight of others. More than that, we lose sight of how Christ has served us when we didn't deserve it. Others' needs become secondary to our own. Similar to the previous page, write down words and short phrases that describe the life consumed with self.



GOD IS THE CENTER

God — not us — is the center of the universe. His glory is the ultimate purpose of all created things. Everything comes from him. Everything exists for him. This includes us. We were made to worship God and find complete fulfillment in him. Worship is not just something we do on Sundays when the music is playing. Worship is what we do with our entire lives. And worship doesn't stop if we stop worshipping God. We are always worshipping something or someone. For this reason, we offer God all of who we are in response to all that he is and all that he's done. This is what it means to serve him. This is what it means to serve others.

MY LIFE OF SERVICE

Choose five words or phrases from your description of the Christ-filled life that you want to be characteristics of your own life.

