

# Maple Springs Baptist Church

**Series: Kaleo**

**Week 3: Called to Serve.**

Kaleo—1 Peter 1:21 **The most significant opportunities of your life lie in your ability to serve the cause of Christ.** As Christ-followers we are **Called to serve.**

**Mark 10:32-45**, Jesus' instruction on greatness reaches its climax with His declaration in **10:45**—the reason Jesus came, the heart of the gospel. And it asks & answers a very important question, “**what will the gospel make of us?**” The answer: **it will make us lowly, humble servants just like the Savior.** But, before we surrender to serve, we must consider the issue of Being a Servant. 4 things to Consider

**1 Consider the Cost of Being a Servant (10:32-34)**

**Service INVITES MISUNDERSTANDING**

- **Astonished** – amazed, awed. It unnerved them. They just do not know what to make of all this.
- **Afraid** –terrified. Of what? The unknown. Jesus knew.

**Service INVOLVES A MISSION**

- His mission is clearly defined. God sovereignly & providentially laid out the road He will walk, the plan He will accomplish.

**2 Consider the Challenge of Being a Servant (10:35-40)**

Being a servant doesn't come easy; there is a battle.

**Being a servant goes against our Nature**

James & John's request reveals:

- **their shallow understanding of what it means to follow Jesus, to be His disciple,**
- **their inflated opinion of their own importance, and**
- **a lack of understanding of how God measures greatness.**

**Note:** At Jesus' greatest glory there were 2 men on his right and left—not apostles on thrones, but criminals on crosses.

**Being a Servant is Appointed By God's Purposes**

James and John fail to see that the pathway to glory is always the pathway of suffering. Before the crown there is a cup of suffering. Before the blessings that flow there is a baptism that overwhelms & drowns.

**3 Consider the Conflict in Being a Servant (10:41-44)**

Jesus steps in again and uses this for His greatest & most powerful lesson on being a servant.

## **Say NO to the Ways of the World**

**In the world the more important you are, the more are the people who serve you. Jesus says, in His world the more important you are, the more people you serve.**

## **Say YES to the Work of a Slave**

Become a servant, *diakonos*, a table waiter, a household servant. Become a slave, *doulos*, esteeming others better than himself, looking out for their interests. Jesus reverses all ideas of greatness.

## **4 Consider Christ when Being a Servant (10:45)**

Jesus has told us He will die in Jerusalem. Now He tells us why.

Why should you become a servant? A slave? Answer: because that is what your Savior did. It is that simple. Walk in His footsteps.

## **Follow Christ IN SERVICE**

### **Follow Christ IN SACRIFICE**

- **“came.”** He came.
- **“give His life”** This is why He came.
- **“Ransom”** means a payment, usually of money, required to release someone from punishment or slavery.
- We needed a ransom because we had all gladly and willingly sold ourselves into the bondage of slavery to sin.
- Ransom speaks clearly of Jesus’ substitutionary death on the cross as the price paid to purchase the release from guilt and bondage of sinners who would trust in Him. **Righteousness** demanded it. **Love** provided it. And, we were not only set free from sin. We were then adopted into a new family.

Jesus calls us, those who follow Him, to walk where He walked—we are Called to Serve.

**The most significant opportunities of your life lie in your ability to serve the cause of Christ.**

**Are we Sent to Lead? Maybe.**

**Sent to Serve? Definitely.**