

# Casual Evangelization

## Spiritual Mission: Servant's Heart

### **Goal: Our call as men in understanding our spiritual mission**

Service is a key element of God's Kingdom. Jesus Himself came to earth "not to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45). But in order to serve, especially in today's self-seeking society, we must learn what service is and how to have a servant's heart before God.

### **Opening Prayer**

Heavenly Father, You are great, You are almighty.

Thank You for all you do.

Thank You for giving us the desire and the heart to be here.

May You help us open our hearts to You.

May You be here to guide us in our conversation.

May we recognize the life of Jesus and model our lives like Him.

May we recognize each others' lives to help support their growth, to be here for one another and to have confidence in our fraternity.

Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts in this moment.

Amen

### **The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 30-37)**

Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead.

A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.

He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him.

The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.'

Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

*Reread in silence and reflect on the words in these parables. Imagine yourself on this same road and approaching a beat up man on the side of the road.*

What word / phrase speaks to your heart?

What does the parable tell us about the type of heart God desires for you?

A character in this parable that may be overlooked is the innkeeper. The innkeeper may not have seen the victim beat up and lonely on the road but is now entrusted to continue care for the man. What can we do to develop a servant's attitude/ heart in all we do?

## **Mark 10: 43-45**

But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.

For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Consider the word/ theme "compassion". It is an emotion that Jesus feels & is moved with compassion when seeing the sick come to Him. How can we grow in compassion? How can we better recognize the wounds of our close family and friends?

## **Commitment/ Action Plan**

Focus on serving God. Pray and ask God to show you what he wants you to do.

This week, let us will pray for

What is your takeaway to cultivate a servant's heart in this upcoming week:

---

## **HOW DOES HAVING A SERVANT'S HEART RELATE TO GREATNESS IN GOD'S KINGDOM?**

- First of all, when you serve God, He will bless you for it, and there is no earthly greatness that compares to God's favor.
- Serving others shows that you have a sense of honor and respect for others; people like that can be trusted with great missions.
- True greatness isn't measured by how well you did something, but by how many people were better off because you were around. Being famous for an endeavor that benefits no one but yourself is nothing compared to the greatness of a completely ordinary person who made every person they met happier by smiling at and talking to them.
- Serving others is the best way to learn how best to perform any task or big project, which is perfect training for becoming a leader; all the best and greatest leaders in the Bible and in history have been servants at heart, thinking of how to help and guide the people they led rather than bossing them about.
- At its core, service means sacrifice: giving up your whole life for God and others rather than yourself, and God promises a crown of glory and eternal life to those who are willing to sacrifice their lives in this world.