

Greater Things Week 4 - Greater Love

What's the worst customer service experience you've ever had? How did it change your desire to be associated with or do business with that company?

Read Ephesians 5:1-2

Describe love based on these two verses. Why do we love? How do we love?

People love lots of things. We say we love sports teams, food, people, etc. If we were to replace the word 'love' with the word 'serve', how would that change our perspective?

The idea of a Christ follower being a servant is all over the New Testament. Take a few minutes to find stories demonstrating a servant's heart or verses calling a Christian to serve.

Read 1 Corinthians 9:19

Why does Paul willingly restrain his freedom in order to serve?

The beautiful part of serving is that anyone can do it. It doesn't take money, prestige, or degrees. How can you further develop the mindset of a servant?

It's easy to serve people we love, but sacrificial love like in Ephesians 5:1-2 calls us to serve our enemies just as much as our friends. Who is God calling you to serve? Is it a difficult neighbor? Someone from across the political aisle? A co-worker? How can you serve them this week?

Read Romans 7:6 and Ephesians 5:1-2

The most important point for us to remember is that we serve out of freedom. We don't serve just because 'that's what Christians do'. We serve out of the overflow of a relationship with God. It is a response to and a reflection of our understanding of the Gospel.

What happens when we try to serve in our own power?

How can you build and strengthen your relationship with God? Don't just say, "study the Bible more." Try to get as tangible as possible. Ex. "I will wake up and spend time praying before I begin my day".