

Breakthrough... Think Others First

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Scripture

“When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
Mark 10:41-45 NLT

“Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.”
Philippians 2:3-7 NLT

Breakthrough concept: “What matters most is what we’ve done to serve others. That’s how our lives will be evaluated and remembered. Not by the things we’ve collected, or titles we acquired.”

Discussion Questions

1. How does the life of Jesus inspire you “to think of others first”?
2. Why do you think the disciples had a hard time grasping Jesus’ philosophy?
3. How might “thinking of others first” impact your decision making?
4. Who has influenced you with “a think others first” life?
5. What are some of the rewards of “thinking others first”?
6. What specific things will you do to apply what you learned?

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