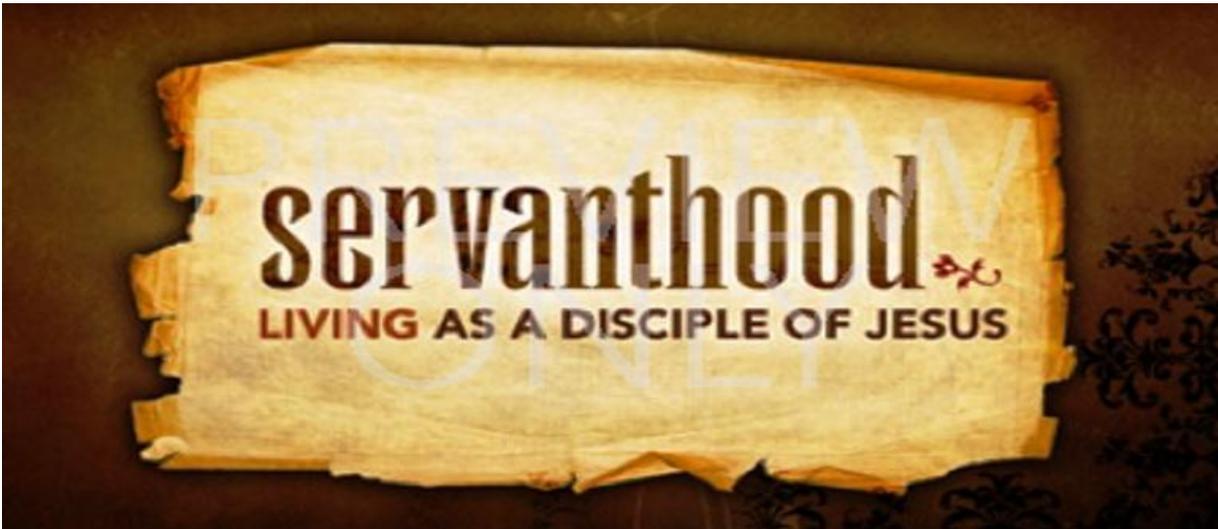


Lifeline Bible Church Bible Study Outline



FOLLOWERSHIP, DISCIPLESHIP & SERVANTHOOD: Mk.10: 35-45; Matt.20: 25-28

Christ calls us to be His followers, disciples and servants - **Matt.4: 19.**

Servant-hood and discipleship are the twin arms that define our identity in Christ. We can never and must not function as consultants in Christ's Vineyard.

1. A servant is a disciple and a disciple is a servant. A servant is a helper while a disciple is a follower, learner or an apprentice. Service or servant-hood is the best form of training as practice makes perfect. One can be a servant and not a disciple but you cannot be a disciple without being a servant as servant-hood leads to discipleship - **Prov.14: 35; 17: 2.**

2. A servant or disciple is chosen or appointed by the master; the servant does not choose the master - **Jn.6: 70; 15: 16 & 19.**

3. A servant or disciple is chosen to serve and he is appointed his duties - **Lk.17: 7-9.**

4. The master is greater than the servant or disciple; the greater always bless the lesser, not the lesser blessing the greater - **Matt.10: 24-25; Heb.7: 7.**

5. A servant or disciple is under authority - Matt.8: 8-9. Humility and self-denial are automatic for servants and disciples - **Matt.16: 24.**

6. A servant or disciple honors and obeys his master - **Mal.1: 6.**

7. A good servant or disciple always seeks to please his master who chose or appointed him in everything - **Matt.25: 19-30; 2Tim.2: 4.** The ultimate goal of a servant or disciple is to be like his master - **Matt.10: 25a.**

8. Servants or disciples always do away with anything and everything that can distract in order to please their master while serving - **2Tim.2: 4.**

9. Reward or blessing of a servant or disciple is not automatic. The master blesses his servant or disciple in the end or at last if and when he is satisfied with his performance and can punish him if he fails - **Prov.14: 25; Matt.25: 19-30.**

10. We cannot understand leadership if we don't first understand servant-hood and discipleship. Good servants and disciples always make good leaders while poor servants or disciples always make poor leaders. True greatness therefore comes through servant-hood and discipleship - **Matt.20: 25-28.** But followership discipleship and servant-hood demand obedience, humility, trust and self-denial – **Lk.9: 23; Phil.2: 5-8; Eph.6: 5-6.**