

Mission Statement Series: Service

Sermon Takehome

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1. Think of a time someone has pulled you aside and given you some advice that was truly helpful. It may have been a coach, teacher, or parent. Share this story.
2. Read John 13:1-17. Why do you think Jesus did what he did? Was there any history with the disciples that may have influenced this?
3. In Matthew 11:29, Jesus describes himself as "humble." Read Matthew 23:12. What does it mean to be humble? What are several different ideas that people have? Why was it so important to Jesus?
4. What are some ways that Jesus showed humility?
5. What does it mean to be proud?
6. Pastor Randy shared several ways people are proud. Remember these phrases?
 - The pecking order
 - Image management
 - It's all about me
7. What do these phrases mean to you? Share your own stories.
8. Read Luke 18:9-14. What was it that the Pharisee missed?
9. How do pride and lovelessness always go together?
10. What are some ways that you can think of to shrink in pride and grow in humility? Why do you think service was so important to Jesus?
11. Why do you think service is so attractive to non-Christ followers?
12. We are called to be formed in the image of Christ. How does this happen? What role does service play?
13. Pastor Randy said a prime area where we can grow in service is to service

those closest to us. What are three ways this could become a reality in your life? Why is this so hard sometimes?

14. Have you ever participated in a service project at church? Does your group regularly look for opportunities to serve? What would take it to make this a regular part of your small group?