

# What It Means to Serve God

- God celebrates servants.

Matthew 25:23, "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

## 3 Things to Know About Serving

1. Serving gives God something to celebrate over.

Note - In a world that gives God so much to weep over, isn't it great to know we can bring Him this joy?

Zephaniah 3:17, The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.

Example - The old Indian commercial about pollution  
Dad jingling his change and humming

2. Serving sets us up for promotion.

Matthew 25:28-29, "Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. 29 To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance.'"

Example - When looking for the right employee look for the busiest employee.

3. Serving allows us to share God's happiness.

Luke 15:7, In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven't strayed away!

Note - We don't just want a big church, we want a happy heaven!

Psalms 16:11, Complete joy is in your presence. Pleasures are by your side forever.

Note - Happiness, not happen(ness)

- Serving gives us stake in this Kingdom Enterprise.

Luke 12:32, For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom.

Note - Lead Team discussion about pronouns.

## **WE ARE THE SERVE TEAMS VIDEO**

- Serving takes less of you than you might imagine.

Note - Too much time, too much preparation, too much energy, etc. Isn't less of you the very point?

John 3:30, He must increase, but I must decrease.

Note - Our fallen world focuses on more and more "me" and less and less God. It has left them with gender confusion, a sexual identity crises, over 60 million abortions, a staggering divorce rate, etc.

## **HAVE PEOPLE TEXT-TO-SERVE**

- Fallen nature always caters to the majority. Christianity swims against the tide to serve the "least" of these.

Matthew 25:40, "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Note - Not the least in importance, significance or potential but the least in number, opportunity and representation.

Example - Juneteenth. 600,000 lives were given to make good on the promise of liberty and justice for all!