

The Gospel of Mark

Home Group Discussion Guide

Selfish or Service

Mark 3:7-19

ICEBREAKER: What are some of the biggest problems/needs facing our world today?

OVERVIEW: The world is facing some pretty big problems today. With so much pain and suffering, it's natural to ask the question, "Does God see what's going on down here? Doesn't He care? If so, why doesn't He do something about it?" And the answer is that yes, God does care; and yes, God is doing something. God does have a plan to solve the world's big problems. What is it? It might surprise you. It might not be what you expect. **God's plan for accomplishing His purpose is people** — people like you and me. Let's dig deeper and learn more.

1. Read Mark 3:7-19. What insight, principle, or observation from this week-end's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Who has God used to make a big impact on your life for Christ, and how did they impact you?
3. How has God used you to impact others for Christ?
4. What's the difference between being a selfish person and a person with a servant's heart? Do you struggle with selfishness? Explain.

5. God's plan for accomplishing His purpose is people. Why do you think God chose to do it this way?
6. God has called every Christian to serve in at least five ways: Evangelism; volunteering in church; justice and mercy; discipling your children; and good citizenship. How are you currently serving God with your life?
7. 3 myths prevent people from serving God: (1) I'm not called to serve God; (2) I'm not needed; and (3) I'm not qualified. Have you ever felt like this?
8. God has shaped every Christian for ministry. Your S.H.A.P.E. is your unique combination of Spiritual gifts, Heart (what you are most motivated to do), Abilities, Personality, and Experiences. How has God shaped you, and how are you currently using your shape to serve God?
9. What do you need to do to serve God in a more fruitful, impactful way?

The Last Word: Servants love Christ, and they live to serve Him and please Him, even at the expense of their own needs, wants, desires, comfort, happiness and pleasure. For servants, life is all about Jesus, His purpose, and His pleasure.