



The Towel

Main Scripture: Mark 10:32-35

Additional Scripture: Mark 8:31-32,
Mark 9:30-37, John 13:6-8, Phil. 2:6-8

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- **Read Philippians 2:6-8.** We all have a disease. A.W. Tozer says the words “me” and “my” are symptoms of a soul disease. We feel like we “have a right” and we go places to be served. Why is it that we feel the sense of entitlement to be served?
- Our society has told us that our identity is wrapped up in what we consume or desire. How do you combat this as a follower of Jesus? What are some practical ways to remind yourself that we are not identified by what we consumer or desire?
- It is not always the “bad” desires that can consume us. “Good” desires (such as marriage, kids, etc.) can consume us as well. How do we walk the line between desiring good things from the Lord and not wrapping our identity in them?
- Jesus does not meet our needs. He rearranges them. What do you think Pastor Mike means by that?
 - How has Jesus started rearranging your needs? Give some specific examples
- What can you specifically do to start serving and rearranging your life to serve?
 - Think in terms of marriage, kids, work, roommates, school, small group, etc.
- **Read John 13:6-8.** The only antidote to the disease of self is the towel. Jesus took the lowest of servant positions by washing His disciples’ feet. Where in your life could you take up the lowest servant position and serve those closest to you?
- Dallas Willard says that your will is not transformed by information. Your will is transformed by experience. What experiences have specifically transformed you?
- **Read Mark 10:45.** If you give your life away, you will be free! Serving brings you into the presence of the Lord like nothing else. How has service brought you to a greater place of freedom in your walk with Jesus?

Doing: Application

- Try to not use the words me, my, or mine at all this week. Does changing your language affect the way you view things, people, and situations?
- Look for 3 specific situations where you can be an servant this week where you would usually not. Start experiencing servant hood and come back and discuss how that impacted you next week at small group.