

TSC: Faithful in Service

Matthew 25.34-40

Key Points:

- God is writing a story through Springfield. If we want to join in with His story, we need to recognise that we're not just called to serve, but we *are* servants of the Most High God (like Tabitha in Acts 9.36 - who was *always* going good).
- How do we grow into our identity as a faithful servant? 3 images from Scripture: 1. **Bring a lunch** (1 Samuel 17.17-18) - if you want to be great in the Kingdom, you serve. 2. **Offer a lift** (Luke 19.28-35) - whatever you have, offer it to God and other people. 3. **You carry a towel** (John 13.4-5) - humble yourself, and serve others. That was Jesus' response to the disciples arguing about who was the greatest?
- When you serve others, you're serving Jesus (Mat 25.40). And in the Kingdom of God, the little things are big things.

Questions:

1. If you could be the Greatest of All Time at one thing, what would it be?
2. Who do you know who always does kind things for others? How do people view that person?
3. Read Matthew 23:11. Who do you get tired of (or dislike) serving? What would happen if you viewed serving them as the greatest thing you do?
4. Has someone ever joyfully helped you with something 'small'? How did it make you feel?
5. What are some "little things" you tend to consider beneath you? What do you think would happen if you started doing some of those things anyway?
6. In Mat 25.40 Jesus says that in doing these things we are serving him. How does that work? How might that act as a motivator?
7. What "little things" do you do that others probably don't notice? Why do you think God views these small acts of service as great?
8. How can you more faithfully serve your friends, family, and community?

Start praying

9. God, give us eyes to see needs around us and willing hearts to help whenever we can. Help us not to view anything You have us do as 'too small.' Amen!

Start doing - draw out some steps to do (either in the meeting or this week)

10. Bring a lunch, offer a ride, and carry a towel. How can you do more of these this week? If you're not already involved in serving regularly at church how might you step up?
11. When you have to do something "small" for others this week, jot it down somewhere—even with just a tally mark. At the end of each day, thank God for all the truly great ways you were able to serve Him.