

Big Idea

Pastor Chris – Part 3

We This third message in the **Disruptive Discipleship** series is called **Serve**. Jesus Christ disrupted His existence in eternity when He left heaven and came to earth born as a human baby. Jesus also disrupted Satan and his plan to steal, kill, and destroy. Jesus also disrupted the Jewish culture He was born into by becoming a servant. Remarkably, the One who created everything was willing to serve by dying for the sin debt of His creation thus saving it. “For even the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

The four gospels record many examples of Jesus as a servant, Pastor Chris focused on the encounter Jesus had with blind Bartimaeus. From this example we heard four applications: **1) Serve others**. Jesus didn’t come to be served; He came to serve people. Stop expecting the people around you to serve you and start considering how you can serve them. **2) Serve even when it’s not convenient**. Jesus stopped and acknowledged Bartimaeus instead of moving on like the disciple expected. Many of the opportunities to serve others will come at the most inopportune times. **3) Serve the people no one else wants to serve**. Many in Jesus’ entourage placed no value on a blind man and told him to be quiet. Jesus valued Bartimaeus and asked him “What do you want Me to do for you?” **4) Leave it all on the field**. 2 Timothy 4:6-7 “For I am being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure is near. I have fought the fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” Pastor Chris said, “I want my life to be poured out for the people that God has call me to love and serve...Sometimes the most powerful testimony we can give to someone is to serve them, to notice them, to come alongside them, to ask what we can do for them!”

Discussion Questions

- How did Jesus disrupt the culture he was born into? Read Mark 10:45 and discuss why Jesus came.
- When we serve God’s way, the server and the recipient are both blessed. Why do you think God chose to make serving mutually beneficial?
- How has serving opened the door for you to share Jesus with others?

Prayer Focus

Father, help us to live a life of humility and service. Give us a heart to serve out of love rather than recognition. Remind us that, regardless of how big or small, what we do can make an eternal difference in the life of someone we serve. Help us to be your ambassadors and represent you with love and excellence. Amen.

Next Steps

Evaluate the condition of your heart when it comes to serving others. Make a commitment to developing the heart of a servant, and look for ways to show love to those in need. Make plans to serve with your group in some way over the summer.

Leader Tip

When we serve with the right heart, God shines and people are blessed. Share your favorite memory of serving your community with your group and explain why it holds a special place in your heart.