**Serve One Another Outline**

**I. Intro:** What comes to your mind when you hear the word, “servant”?

**A. Serving: Popular Images –** A servant does menial chores, little ambition, skills, going nowhere.

**II. NT Perspective:** We are called to be servants.

**A. Galatians 5:13 -** ..”make yourselves slaves to one another”.

**B.** **Servanthood, not servitude** – Servitude is imposed, servanthood comes from the heart, “to want to, not have to”.

**C. It’s Not Natural for Us –** Our old nature resists, “me, me, me”. We want to BE served, not serve.

**III. The Way Up is Down: Mt. 20:25-28** The path to greatness demands humility.

**A. The examples of OT & NT saints.**

**B. When We Serve, We Find Our Life’s Purpose:** Love God and others, faithfully stewarding all He has entrusted to us for the flourishing of others.

**C. Serving Opens Our Lives Up to the Spirit:** 1 Cor 12:7, “a spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.” 1 Peter 4:10, “God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. use them well to serve one another.” His Spirit’s power works through us as we serve others.

**D. Serving Helps Us Be Like Jesus:** John 13:12-17 He washed the disciples’ feet.

**1. Historical Context:** Feet became dirty and needed to be washed before entering indoors, particularly lying around the table to eat. It was generally the job of a servant or one of the guests.

**The Point:** Jesus wasn’t afraid to get his hands dirty.

**2. Let’ be like Jesus and serve others**: Draw closer to God, the way up is down.

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