

The Overlooked Gospel

Part 4: The Do-Likewise Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

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1. Recall the story of Pastor Dan's opening illustration of his phone call with his family in Georgia, and how his accent and expressions changed when he was talking with them. What's a characteristic of yours that tends to come out when you're with your family of origin or friends who knew you when you were growing up?
2. We heard in the message that the longer we are exposed to something, the more like it we become, impacting our values, priorities, and behavior. Give a personal example from your life during the past year, and state whether it has shaped you for good or not.
3. With whom do you most identify from the Mark passage: James and John, who wanted "front-row seats," or Jesus, who came not to be served, but to serve?
4. Recall specific moments in Jesus' life that exhibits how the Lord has been to us, that we, in turn, should be to others; discuss.
5. Pastor Dan said that in order for us to be to others what Christ has been for us, we must know and embrace what He has been for us – not by self-determination of the stronger exercise of the will, but to spend time in the presence of Jesus both through His Word and through the practice of prayer, fellowship, and meditation of Jesus. What does this look like for you?
6. Jesus' servanthood was intentional. His purpose through the Gospels was to usher in the Kingdom of God.
 - a. How have you been purposeful and intentional in your service to God and others?
 - b. Take a moment to silently reflect on the level and quality of your service.
 - c. Give an example of someone you have witnessed serving with a Christ-like heart.
7. Jesus was a sacrificial servant who came to lay down His life for us (John 3:16; 15:13). Can you pray with integrity the 3rd stanza of the prayer: ***As you have been to me, so I will be to others.***