
Incarnational Christianity

“Gifts: God Working In And Through Us!”

09-04-22 John 13:1-16, Luke 10:25-37, 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-7

Introduction: We are in the midst of a series where we are learning to live like Jesus.

1. We've covered a lot of ground & I hope you are gaining a new understanding of Christianity.
2. This morning we focus on another unique feature when you decide to follow Jesus.
3. There are many ways to picture Jesus ... but that list must include servanthood.
 - Christ was a servant & those who follow Him, live like Him, will become servants.
4. To make us effective, He gives us spiritual gifts.
 - When we make ourselves a servant, understand & exercise our gifts as God intended, very important things begin to happen.
 - We change, & that becomes a catalyst for God to work through us.
 - That's a big part of living like Jesus.

I. A Picture Of Servanthood

- A. The Towel
- B. The Victim
- C. The Takeaway

II. The Power Of Servanthood

- A. Gifting

B. Opportunity

C. Impact

Conclusion: Today we expanded the intersection of servanthood & spiritual gifts.

1. Let me close with a plan of action:
 - Begin each day by inviting God to use you.
 - Be on the lookout for opportunity to serve at home, at work, in your neighborhood & the church.
 - Stretch yourself with someone you find difficult to serve.
 - Engage in an act of secret service.
 - Evaluate the process.
2. We started with the idea God works in us & through us as we make ourselves His servants.
3. Let's give Him the chance to do that in our lives!