

The Person & Work of God the Son

Study 6

If anyone were to ask you, “*who is the greatest in the Kingdom of God?*”, I think we would all agree that Jesus is the answer! With that truth in mind we want to consider Jesus’ instructions to us—His followers regarding *how* we can live a life that is significant.

1) Jesus, the Greatest

Jesus said...

“...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” ~ Matthew 20:26-28

Historians have given the title “great” to military leaders and rulers—people like Alexander the Great & Catherine the Great. List some of the ways that the world’s definition of greatness is different than Jesus’:

According to Jesus what makes a life great, and why is that true?

2) A great example

After washing the disciples feet, Jesus said...

*“And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message.”
John 13:14-16*

In the upper room that night Jesus could have commanded any of the disciples to wash the other’s feet—and they would have done it! Why do you think Jesus chose to do it Himself instead?

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What theological truth(s) did Jesus reveal about the nature of God by His willingness to do what none of the disciples was willing to do? What's the lesson for us?

3) Servanthood

What does this statement mean?

“Servanthood is a loving choice we make to minister to others. It is not the result coercion or coercion’s more subtle form, manipulation.”

Provide an example from Jesus’ ministry where He refused to be manipulated into doing something for others:

Give some examples of what people have said or done to try to manipulate you into doing something for them:

Why is it important to reject another person’s attempts to manipulate you into doing something for them?

4) A significant life

If the Lord tarries we will one day find ourselves lying on our deathbed thinking about the life we’ve lived. According to Jesus how can we be sure when that time comes that our life has been significant so that we can face death with joy?
