

Servants Meeting

Cultivating an Influential Service

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Introduction

- ❖ Do we have an influential service?
- ❖ Do we leave something within those whom we serve?
- ❖ After many years, will there be fruit?
- ❖ Does their relationship with God grow?

Importance of an Influential Service

- ❖ The growth of the church collectively is directly related to the growth of its individual units (individuals & family)
- ❖ If there is no change, then we are cultivating lip-servers

Philippians 2:1-2

- ❖ “Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”

Philippians 2:3-4

- ❖ **“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”**
- ❖ *“If you really want to give me advice, do it on Saturday afternoon between one and four o’clock, when you’ve got twenty-five seconds to do it, between plays. Don’t give me advice on Monday. I know the right thing to do on Monday.”* (Alex Agase, College Football coach)

Philippians 2:5-7

- ❖ “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.”

Philippians 2:8

- ❖ “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

Philippians 2:9-11

- ❖ “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:12-16

- ❖ “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. **Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life,** so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.”

Philippians 2:17-21

- ❖ “Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me. But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. For I have no one **like- minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.**”



How to create a culture?



1. Relationships

- ❖ No one will change as result of my service unless I can relate to them
- ❖ They need to like me to listen to what I have to say

2. Understand that everyone is different

- ❖ Every personality is good and has the potential to be influential
- ❖ Knowing this allows me to deal with others
- ❖ This diversity complements each other
- ❖ God created us with different personalities



3. Model the culture you want to establish

- ❖ Phil. 3:17 – "Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern."

4. Focus your service on the needs of those being served

- ❖ Knowledge and ability are secondary to knowing their needs
- ❖ Eph. 4:29 – "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers."

5. Provide opportunities for growth and development

- ❖ Spiritual development
- ❖ Assignments
- ❖ Retreats
- ❖ Books

Questions/Comments