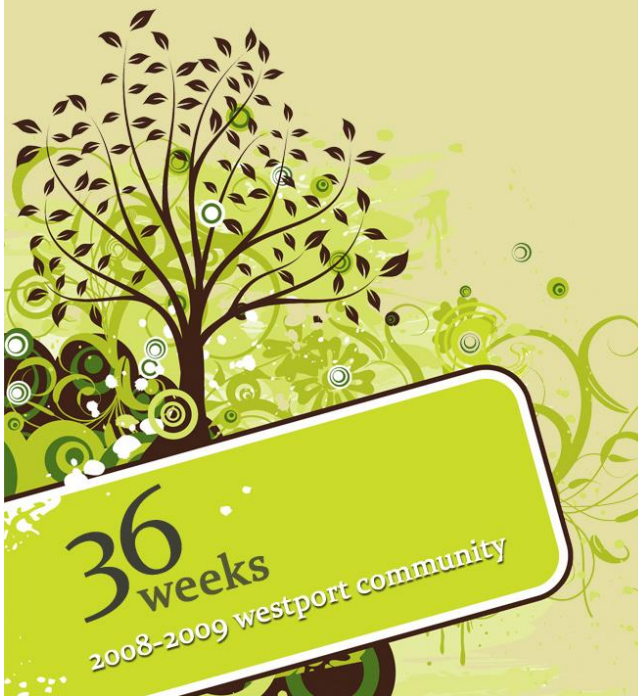


# Sermon Study Guide

## Week #6: Servanthood



## Crave: Servanthood

Servanthood redefines our desire for power.

*When you CRAVE for more in life, what is your natural inclination? (circle one below)*

I NEED TO GET MORE      or      I NEED TO GIVE MORE

In an ancient Greek myth, Zeus and Hermes came down to earth for a brief time disguised as poor slaves. They did this to fool human beings, to get a reading on the level of homage people pay to the gods. When Zeus and Hermes found out what they wanted to know, they threw off their rags and revealed themselves in all their Olympian splendor. It was Clark Kent and Superman all over again. They took on the outward form of a servant, but that was just a disguise.

Jesus did not take on the “outward form” of a servant. Paul uses the same term to describe both Jesus’ servanthood and his Godhood. When Jesus came in the form of a servant, he was not disguising who God is. He was revealing who God is.

Matthew 20:26-28 says, **“But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, <sup>28</sup> even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”**

Jesus calls us into a new kind of power: the power of practicing SERVANTHOOD.

We gain great spiritual power when we choose to submit to others. Submission is the freedom we have to give way to others. So when we give up our craving for worldly power through submission, we gain spiritual power.

When was the last time you had the opportunity to serve a person or a circumstance that was ‘below you?’ What/who first came to mind? Do you wish you would have responded differently?

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Write down one practical way you can submit your agenda to someone else's this week. Please discuss.

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Philippians 2:3 says, "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves."

Write down the name of a person whom you need to regard as more important than yourself. Is there a practical way you can show them more respect his week?

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Spend time in your Community Group praying for the discipline of Servanthood to become a way of life.