

MAN TO MAN

Week 12: Go Serve

Thought

Jesus set the example of leading a servant life in Mark 10:45: "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Jesus changed the world by intentionally serving a few men. Following the example of Jesus, you, too, can change your world by intentionally walking in a mentoring relationship with a few other men. Your investment in others can make a big difference!

A few notes about mentorship we see reflected in the life of Jesus:

- **Mentoring is easy. It can be done anytime, anywhere.**
Jesus simply walked through life with a few men and demonstrated what relationship with the Father looked like.
- **Mentoring is relational. It can include your existing relationships and center around your passions or profession.**
Jesus' group of disciples included both men He'd known since childhood and others He met as He began His ministry. Some of their most meaningful conversations were shared over a meal or while traveling.
- **Mentoring is effective! Life change happens in the context of relationships.**
Think about Peter's journey from fisherman to apostle. His close relationship with Jesus challenged him, refined him, solidified his faith, helped him discover his purpose, and prepared him for a life of impact. A once weak, doubt-filled man became the rock upon which Jesus built His Church. Mentoring can change the world!

Scripture

Jesus said to His followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone."
Mark 16:15 (NCV)

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.
1 Peter 4:10-11 (NLT)

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Discussion Questions

- How do you feel the Lord is leading you towards stepping into a mentorship role? Does this include leading a Man to Man Small Group next semester? Discuss what steps you feel led to take.
- Thinking about the ways Jesus mentored the disciples and the ways you have been mentored through this group, what most excites you about the opportunity to mentor others?
- What part of being mentored this semester has been most impactful for you?

Action Step

This week, identify a few men in your life who you would like to pour into, grow with, and help strengthen. Ask God to lead you to your next steps for mentoring, consider leading a Man to Man Small Group, and prepare to boldly move toward a life of impact!