

# CALLED TO SERVE

## Get Your Mind Right

September 1, 2024

**Luke 9:23**—...Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

**Matthew 20:26**—...Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.

**Matthew 23:11**—The greatest among you will be your servant.

**Mark 10:45**—For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**Philippians 4:8**—Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

**Colossians 3:2**—Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

**Matthew 22:37**—...Love the Lord God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

## 3 WAYS TO GET YOUR MIND RIGHT

### 1. Choose each day to think like Jesus.

**Philippians 2:1-2,5**—Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind... In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...

#### > Commit your life to Jesus each day.

**Psalms 19:14**—May the words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

#### > Pray daily for the mind of Christ.

**Philippians 2:5**—...same mindset as Christ Jesus.

## > Fill your mind with Scripture.

**Psalm 19:7-11**—*The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.*

**2 Corinthians 10:5**—*...We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

**Philippians 3:19-20**—*...Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven...*

**Romans 12:2**—*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*

**Mark 12:30**—*Love the Lord ...with all your mind.*

## 2. Choose each day to think “humility.”

**Philippians 2:3-4,6-8**—*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others... Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

### 8 CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRISTLIKE HUMILITY:

- > Be selfless
- > Die to arrogance and pride
- > Make humility my default
- > You before me
- > Your interests over mine
- > Minimize my own importance
- > Humble myself
- > Serving is obeying

**Psalm 90:10**—*Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.*

### 3. Choose each day to think Jesus first, others second, self third.

**Philippians 2:9-11**—*Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

#### HOW?

- > Turn the other cheek.
- > Don't demand your own way.
- > Decide you don't have to always be right.
- > Realize that you don't have to have an opinion on everything.
- > Show compassion toward others.

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*All verses quoted in New International Version unless otherwise noted.*

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# STUDY GUIDE: 9/1/24

Begin your group with prayer. Have one or two people share a testimony from their week. Keep it positive and reflect on the good things God has done.

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What is meant by calling? What does it mean to be called to Christ? By Christ? And for Christ's purposes? Read I Corinthians 1:1-9 and note the various references to call and calling. What does this mean to you?
2. We have been called to serve. What do these verses say about the calling of every Christian? Luke 9:23, Matthew 20:26, Matthew 23:11,12, Mark 10:45.
3. What did Jesus teach his disciples in Mark 10:35-45? What is key about this passage?
4. Philippians 2:1-11 is entitled "Imitating Christ's Humility" in many Bibles. What does this passage say about Jesus? His humility? His servanthood? Other?
5. Why is getting our mind right so important? How do we obtain the mind of Christ? What does that mean? Read Philippians 4:8, Colossians 3:2, Matthew 22:37, Psalm 19:14, 2 Corinthians 10:5.