



**Lesson Aim:** To discuss what it means to respond to God's call to discipleship; specifically in our call to serve God and others.



*connecting*

Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break until mid-September**. We will continue to offer study questions each week in this **simplified format**, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the summer break.

**Prayer:** Start your time together by asking the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion or devotional time.

1. **Read 1 Peter 4:10-11.** What is the ultimate goal of serving? What other motives can get in the way of this ultimate goal?
2. What are some things we can do to remind ourselves of the ultimate goal of serving?
3. **Mark 10:35-45.** What does the request of James and John reflect about their view of the Kingdom? What do you think they were really asking for in this request?
4. How can we fall into the same patterns of thinking and motivation as James and John?
5. In the message Sunday, Jeff stated that "serving biblically changes the world inside us and the world around us." How have you experienced the "world inside of you" being changed through service?
6. One major point from the message was that "there is a cost when serving the way Jesus did." In what ways did serving others bring a cost to Jesus?
7. In what ways have you personally experienced the "cost of serving"?
8. Who has been an example to you of a Christlike servant? What effect has that person had on your life?
9. What is one way you will serve your church family, community or world this week?
10. If you have not yet discovered a place to regularly serve in the church, community or world, would you be willing to give us a call at 226-4100 (also see the insert from Sunday's message) this week and find out how you can get involved?



*growing*



*serving*



*reaching*

**Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.**

This LifeGroup Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at [theBridgeFresno.com](http://theBridgeFresno.com) by clicking on the "Resources" link.

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## The Bottom Line

Serving biblically changes the world inside us and the world around us.

## Observations From Mark 10:35-45

We easily satisfy our longing for significance by serving ourselves instead of others. (vs. 35 - 38a)

There is a cost when servicing the way Jesus did. (vs. 38b – 40)

The way of Jesus is fundamentally different than the way of the world. (vs. 41 – 43a)

Jesus calls us to a different lifestyle. (vs. 43b)

- Servant = “one who places him/herself under the authority of another’s needs.”

Jesus calls us to a different identity. (vs. 44)

- Slave = “one who is solely committed to another.”

Jesus is the perfect example. Love and serve like Jesus! (vs. 45)

**Next Steps** ⇒ Serving changes the world around us...

## TODAY:

Choose to serve your church family.

Choose to serve your community.

Choose to serve the world.