

I Will Not Let Our Church Be About Me Matthew 20:25-34

Intro: The word “servant” occurs 57 times in the NT. Many times it is referring to the Christian believer as a servant of Christ. In addition, the word “serve” is used 58 times in the NT. These words further drive home the lesson taught by our Lord in Matthew 20:26,27 of our text.

I. The cultural contrast. :25-27

- A. The unbeliever demands dominion and authority. :25
- B. The believer:
 - 1. The great – minister. :26
 - 2. The chief – serve. :27
- C. The contrast creeps in the church. II John 1:9-12
 - 1. Diotrephes shows an evil heart.
 - 2. Demetrius shows a good heart.
- D. Christ is the head, deserving the preeminence. Col. 1:18

II. The spiritual example is set. :28

- A. Christ came not to be ministered unto.
- B. Christ came to minister.
 - 1. He gave his life.
 - 2. He paid the ransom.

III. The living example. :29-34

- A. There are those crying out in need. :30,31b
- B. There are those who ignore the need, rebuking the needy. :31a
- C. There is hope in the touch of Christ. :32-34
 - 1. This event is a powerful allegory.
 - 2. Satan has blinded this world, Christ gives it sight.