

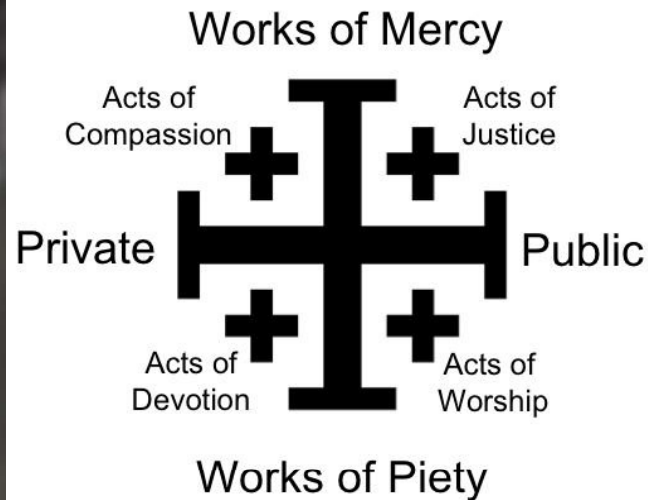
HEAL THE SICK,  
RAISE THE DEAD,  
CLEANSE THE LEPERS,  
CAST OUT DEMONS.

**FREELY**  
YOU RECEIVED,  
**FREELY GIVE.**

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- MATTHEW 10:8

# Back to Routine



*Back to the Means of Grace*



**PRAISE  
EXPERIENCE  
SERVE  
SHARE**

- 1. Every Effort to GATHER - Sept. 8**
- 2. Every Effort to LEARN - Sept. 15**
- 3. Every Effort to SERVE - Sept. 22**
- 4. Every Effort to SHARE - Sept. 29**

## **Back to the Means of Grace**

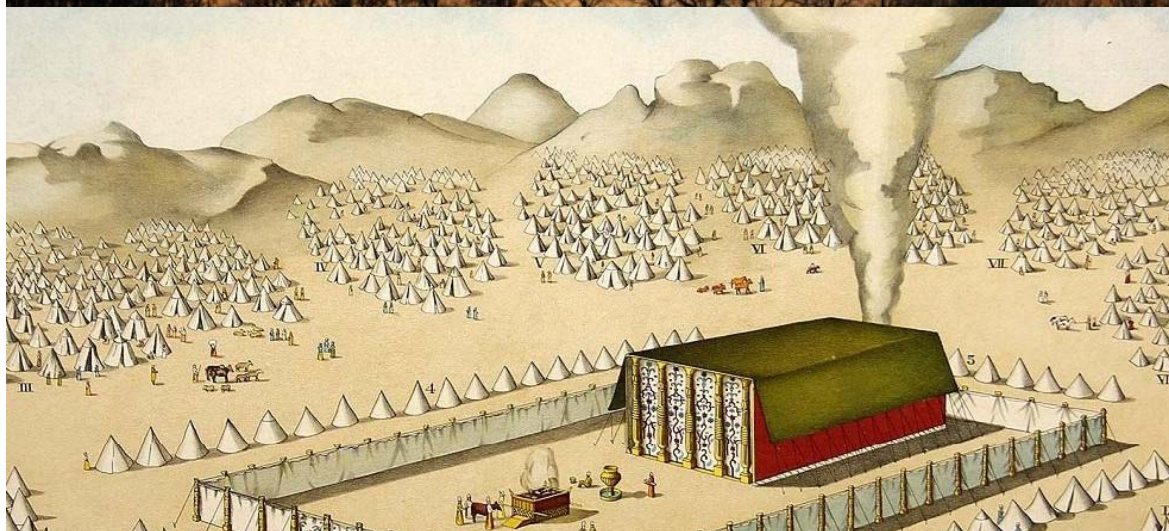
**Sermon Series**

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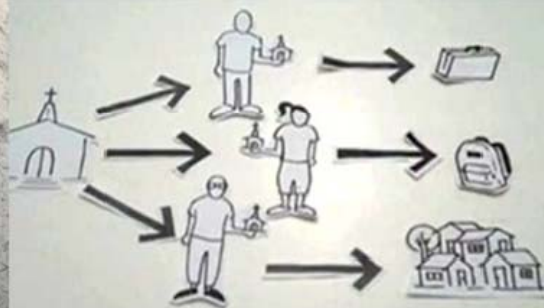


And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

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JOHN 1:14



**MISSIONAL  
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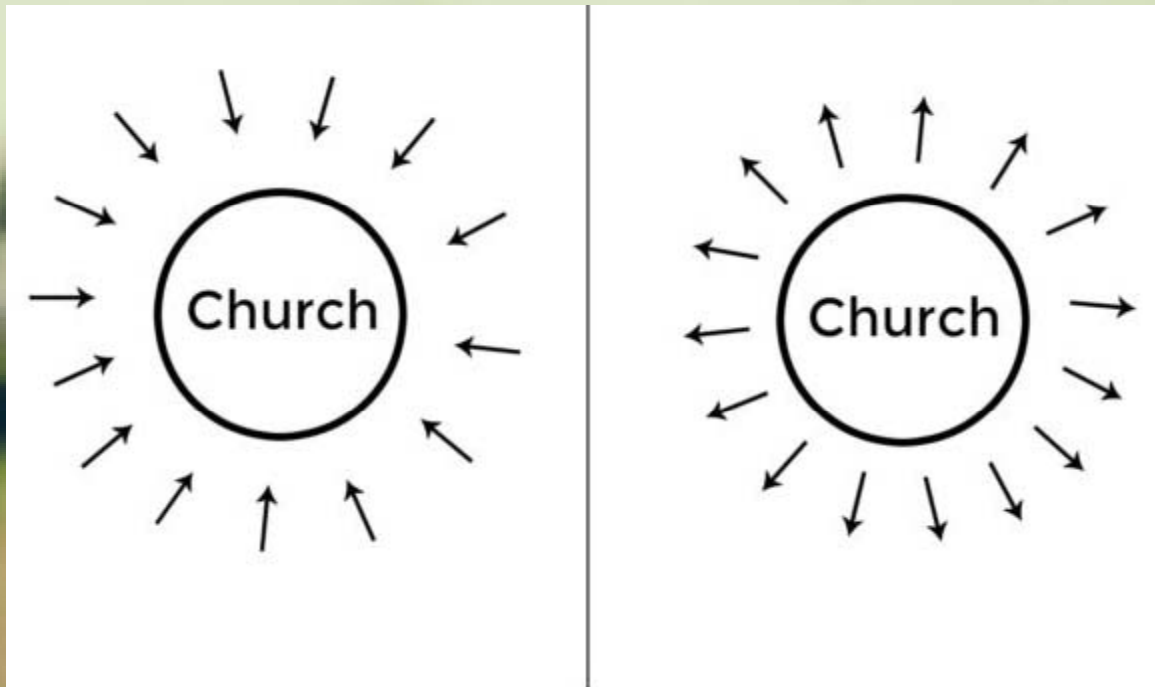


**OUTREACH**

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AND DWELT AMONG US.

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God's Mission is to Calling and Sending!  
The Church is to GATHER as well as to SEND  
"The faithful disciples of Jesus Christ."

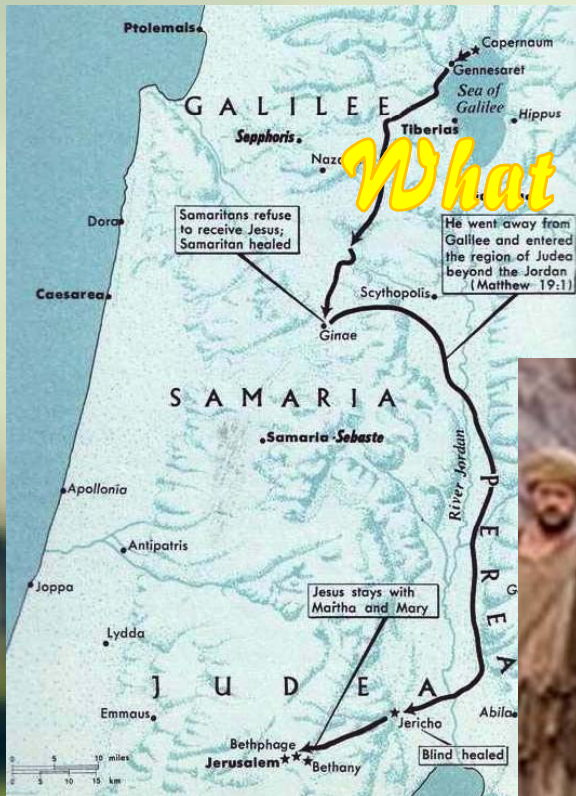


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# Matthew 20:20-28

## What the Twelve Expected from Jesus



## Matthew 19-20

"Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

The mother of Zebedee's sons

ESV Matthew 20:21 . . . "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom."

*Matthew 20:20-28*

*The Places Shall be Prepared by the Father*

To sit at my right or left is not for me to grant.  
These places belong to those for whom  
they have been prepared  
by my Father."

Matthew 20:23 NIV

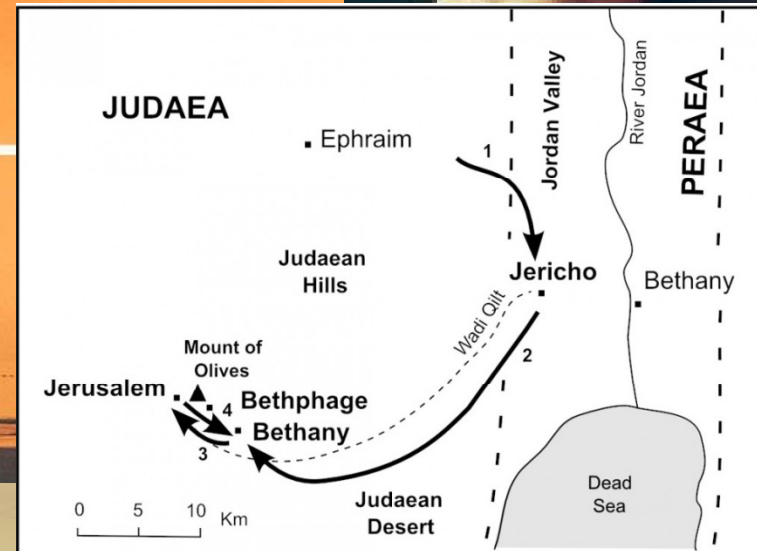
But Jesus said to  
them " You do not  
know what you are  
asking. Are you able  
to drink from the cup  
that I drink, or be  
baptized with the  
baptism that  
I am baptized with?"  
Mark 10:38

Matthew 20:20-28

To Serve Not To Be Served!

JUST AS THE SON OF MAN  
DID NOT COME TO BE  
SERVED, BUT TO SERVE,  
AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS  
A RANSOM FOR MANY.

MATTHEW 20:28



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## Matthew 10:7-8

"And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' (8) "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

*These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> **These twelve** Jesus sent out with the following instructions: Matthew 10:2-5*

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# SMALL GROUPS

## ***Make Companions in Christ!***

*Jesus ... called 12 disciples ... ["two-by-two"] (Matthew 10:1-5).*

- *Pray for your CIC*
- *Encounter your CIC*
- *Define God's Call with your CIC*
- *Celebrate and commission CIC for the Kingdom of God!*

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**“Go therefore and make  
disciples of all the nations”**

Matthew 28:19

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2. Do not exercise the authority over the vulnerable.

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<sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, **at the renewal of all things**, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, **you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones**, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matthew 19:28

...  
Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials **exercise authority over them**.

<sup>26</sup> Not so with you.

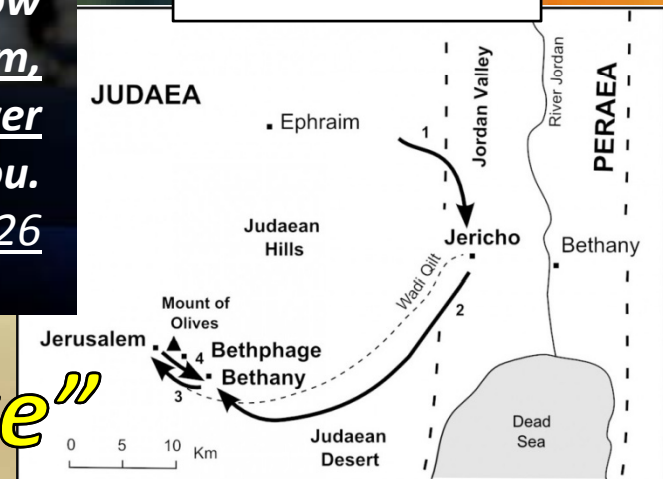
Matthew 20:25-26

**Privilege of "The Twelve"**

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**Matthew 19-20**



## 2. Do not exercise the authority over the vulnerable.

***Jesus DID NOT give us authority to judge others. He gave us wisdom and power to love them.***

***“Do not judge, or you too will be judged.” (Matthew 7:1)***

***“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be the sons of your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:44-45)***

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*3. The Son of Man did not come to be served,  
but to serve.*

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***The King of kings serves like a slave.***



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**THE HEART OF A  
SERVANT-LEADER**

**IF YOU WANT TO PLAY A  
SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE  
KINGDOM OF GOD, YOU  
MUST FIRST BE A**

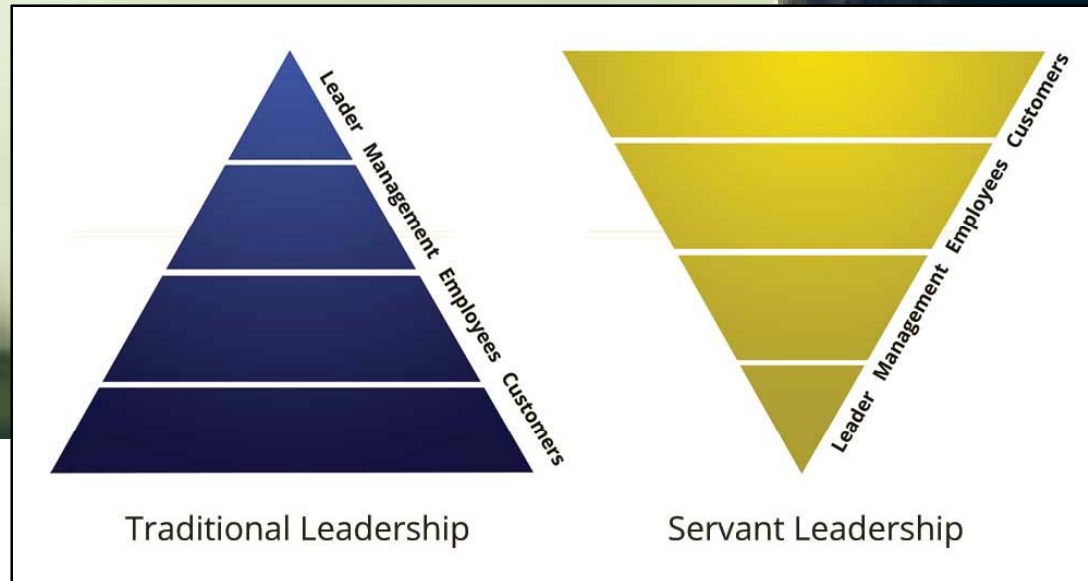
*Servant.*

**SERVE**   
**LEAD** 

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3. *The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.*




**SERVANT LEADERSHIP AND EMPLOYEE COMMITMENT TO A SUPERVISOR**

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***You want to be honored?***  
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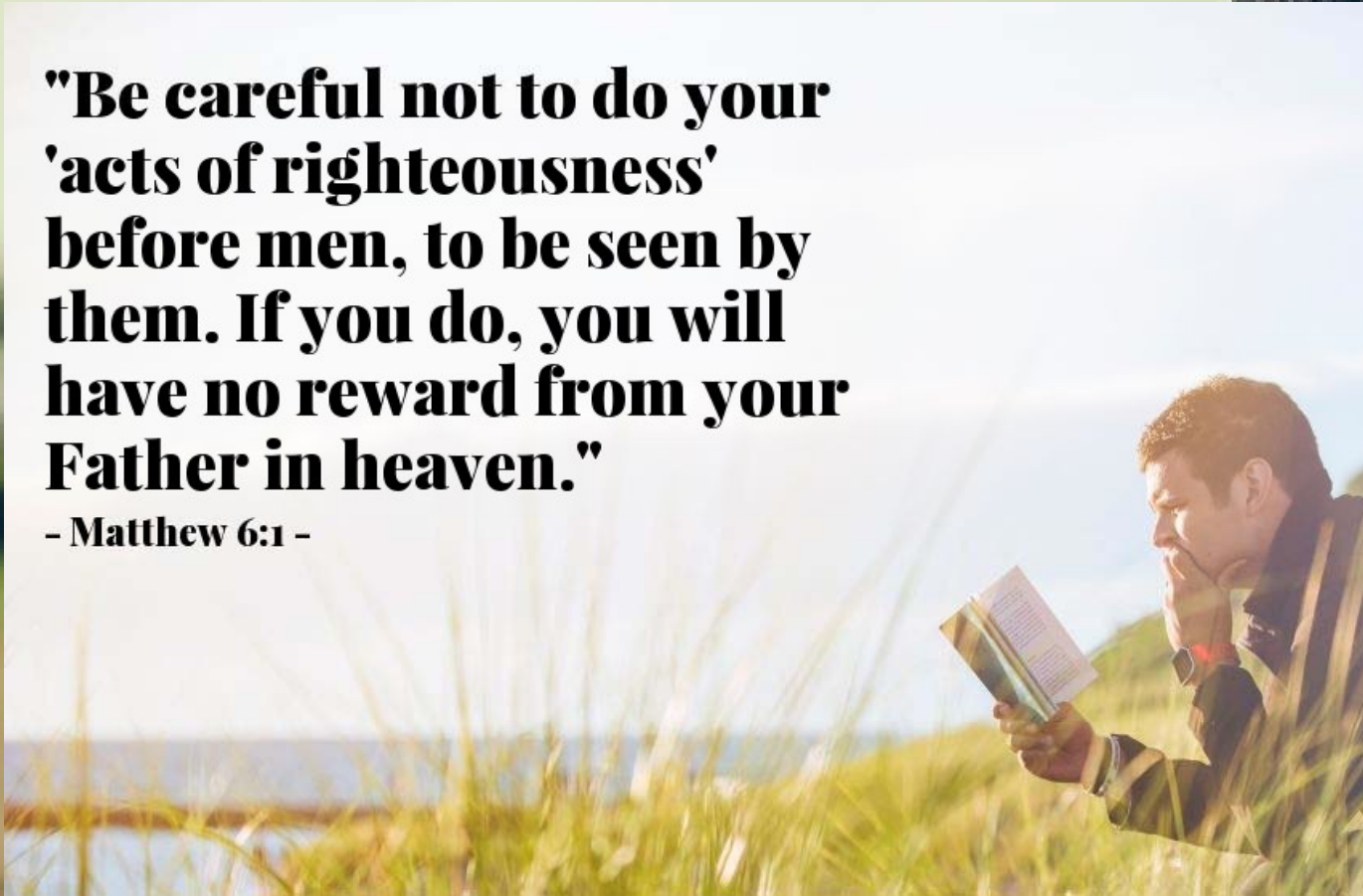
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**"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven."**

**- Matthew 6:1 -**



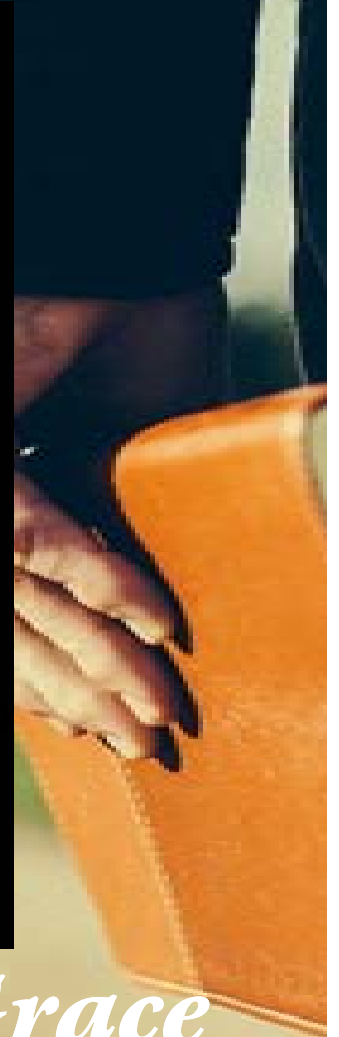
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So when you give to the needy,  
do not announce it with trumpets,  
as the hypocrites do in the  
synagogues and on the streets,  
to be honored by others.  
Truly I tell you, they have  
received their reward in full.  
But when you give to the needy,  
do not let your left hand know  
what your right hand is doing,  
So that your giving may be in secret.  
Then your Father, who sees  
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