# Everyone has something to offer 4 Servanthood

## Building the church in the 21st Century

## Mt 20:25-28; Phil 2:5-11

# How do you measure success?

## Depends on the arena

# God’s upside-down view

## In Mt 20:25-28 Jesus is making a comment about the kingdom of God and its values

### The kingdom is based on relationship

### The kingdom is measured by service

#### If you want to be great in the kingdom be a servant

#### If you want to be the greatest become a slave

## In Phil 2 we are given a glimpse of how it works

### Paul says ‘Let this mind be in you”

#### If you want to be Christlike it takes decision after decision to not build your own empire with you on the top

# The downward journey

## Decisions to become the servant of God by Jesus

### 1. "Made Himself of no reputation."

### 2. "took upon Him the form of a servant."

### 3. "And was made in the likeness of men."

### 4. " He humbled Himself."

### 5. "Became obedient."

### 6. "Unto death."

### 7. "Even the death of the cross."

#### All the way through Christ makes choices consistent with His mission and His place

# The upward reward

## The greatness all came after His death, not before

### Given a name which is above every name

### That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow

### Of things in heaven

### And things in earth

### And things under the earth

### And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord

### To the glory of God the Father

## In God’s economy all of the reward comes afterwards

### It’s the ultimate life of faith

# Everyone has something to offer

### In the Kingdom God does not look on your ability but your attitude

## Servanthood requires vision

### To see the prize over the horizon

## You are called to think like Jesus

### Each contribution is measured in Servanthood

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Measuring success

## On what criteria are people given value in our society?

### In Sport, in the news, in school, in disaster, in status

### How do people expect success in one arena to overflow to others?

## In what ways are you ‘measured’ or given worth?

### At work, in the home, in society?

# Comparing Matthew 20:20-28 and Mark 10:35-45

## The events are told differently (How so?)

### But the message is the same (Check this)

### And the framing is the same (preceded by the prediction of His death, followed by a healing of the blind and the triumphal entry)

#### How does the framing help you to understand this section?

# Servanthood

## How far do you agree that the greatest value in the Kingdom is servanthood?

### If it’s not servanthood, what is it and how does servanthood fit into that value? (Try John 3:16?)

## “The nearer to God you are the greater your servant heart”

### How far do you agree with this? What examples do you have from history, from modern life, from church?

## The servant heart does not say ‘Now it’s my turn!’

### How far do you agree with this? What is your reasoning?

### Should Christians ever retire from ‘active service’?

#### Explain your answer

# Philippians 2

## After a number of encouraging statements Paul summarises the Christian attitude (v5 then 6-11)

### Without lowering self-esteem how can Christians consider others better than themselves? (v3)

### In what ways did Jesus reflect the attitude of v3-4?