

SERVANTS OF JESUS KNOW AND GROW IN GRACE

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2 Peter 1:8; 3:18; Ephesians 4:7; Colossians 3:13; 2 Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 2:8; Titus 2:11

BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 20:15-16

“Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity? So the last will be first, and the first last.”

BIG IDEAS

- Every person that God calls to serve Him is unworthy of their calling.
- Every servant of Jesus serves diligently with the time they have left on earth.
- Every servant enters God’s family the same way: grace.

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 19:29-20:16

UNITE - I AM CALLED

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- They are a servant of Jesus.
- They have been forgiven an unimaginable debt.
- To be a servant means to lay down their lives



Every student should feel...

- Awe at the forgiveness they have experienced in Christ.
- Thankful for the grace that brought them from death to life and into God’s family.
- Unworthy of the mercy and grace they have received



Every student should strive to...

- Forgive anyone who has wronged them as Jesus has forgiven them.
- Walk by faith instead of giving into anxiety.
- Be known by their allegiance to Christ and the gospel.



Every student should want...

- To be faithful and pursue obedience to God.
- To sacrifice their comfort and control for the sake of the gospel.
- To be committed to Christ above all else.

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter God’s amazing grace. We will pray for them to grow in their understanding of what it means to serve God. We will lead them to practice serving God diligently.

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Read and meditate on Matthew 19:29-20:16 this week.

As you read these verses ask yourself some of these questions to help you discuss these things with your son or daughter:

- What does it mean to live diligently? How can you model a life of diligent service to the Lord? What are some ways you can help your son or daughter remove distractions from his or her life?

Consider God's amazing grace and how you can discuss with your son or daughter how we are unworthy of it.

- How can you help them understand that no one is worthy of God's grace?



Set aside time to pray for your son or daughter this week.

- As you pray, ask God to help your son or daughter more fully understand His grace. Ask God to use them as His servants and to give them a love for serving Him.
- As a small group leader, spend time praying with your student this week. As you pray together model asking the Holy Spirit to guide them to a more diligent service of the Lord this week.



Help your son or daughter make a list of distractions in their life.

- Help them come up with a plan to remove the distractions and to live more diligently for the Lord.
- Discuss with your student ways that he or she can serve the Lord more diligently this week through the church.