

Taking It Home:

- Considering the agenda of your Master, what about His agenda needs to become your agenda this week? If this is a new concept for you, consider asking a friend who has known Jesus for some time what this process has been like for them.
- Quantifying growth as a Christian can be very difficult because spirituality is messy. Many have found that when you serve, your heart changes. If you need help discovering your spiritual gifts and a place to serve, visit the new bethelfc.com and our resources tab. (New site launches Monday afternoon.)
- Consider memorizing Mark 10:45 this week.

Recommended Resources:

- *Slave: The Hidden Truth About Your Identity in Christ* by John MacArthur
- *Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World: What on Earth Should We Do Now* by David Jeremiah

For a restatement of Pastor Matthew's sermon points, visit pastormatthew.net and click on the "Write This Down" tab.

Church on the Edge | The Book of Mark
A Call to Serve
Mark 10:45; 2:17

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Notes:

For more information about Growth Groups, Growth Group homework, and a podcast of sermons with homework, visit www.bethelfc.com.

Growth Group Homework

For the week of September 30, 2012

Mark 10:45; 2:17

Quick Review:

This week's message reminds the listener that being a follower of Jesus means being identified as a servant to Jesus. The New Testament understanding of servant may be best translated as bondservant or slave. A bondservant is one who is available to their master at every moment. The master's agenda is the only agenda that matters to a bondservant.

My Story:

- Think of a time when you had to completely surrender your desires for the benefit of someone else. What was that like for you?
- When you think of being a slave to Jesus, what comes to mind first?
- Someone once said, "I like being a servant right up until someone treats me like one." How do you respond to this statement?

Growing Deeper:

- Servant leadership is a popular concept in business. When you read the following scriptures, what stands out to you about being a servant leader – follower of Jesus?
 - Mark 10:45
 - Matthew 20:26; 23:11
 - Mark 9:35; 10:45
 - John 12:26
- What does each of these verses say about your identity in Christ? Note the source of each statement about who you are in Christ.
 - Acts 16:17; Romans 1:1; 1 Corinthians 7:22; Galatians 1:10; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 4:12; 2 Timothy 2:24; James 1:1; 2 Peter 1:1; Jude 1; Revelation 1:1
- Peter tells his readers in 1 Peter 2:16 to live as those who are free, not using their freedom to sin but to live according to the will of the Master. Consider also Romans 6:17-20 and John 8:34. What do you notice about freedom in Christ as it relates to being his slave?
- Paul not only identifies as Christ's servant he also identifies himself as a servant/slave to the church in Corinth. (See 2 Corinthians 4:5) How can one be a slave to Jesus and a slave to men?