

## The Insider – Chapter 13

1. Share John 14:21, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, and Joshua 1:8 with the guy sitting next to you.
2. Would you prefer to serve someone else or be served? Why? Who did you give your life away to today? (Mark 10:45, Phil. 2) What are the advantages/disadvantages to each? Why are each necessary?
3. What is your favorite Bible verse on service?
4. Read Luke 14:7-14. Why do we gravitate towards “the place[s] of honor?” How are those that humble themselves exalted in verse 11?
5. Why in verse 12 does Jesus say, “do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors?” How are we blessed by inviting or engaging those outside of our “comfort zones?”
6. Why do we generally only include friends and family in our lives? Why are we hesitant to engage others? What roles do busyness, fear and other obstacles play in your willingness to engage others? How is our unwillingness to engage others contrary to the life of an obedient Christian as outlined in the Bible?
7. Read Matthew 10:5-9. When Jesus sends out the twelve apostles, what accompanies their message? Why is God more effectively communicated when our words are accompanied by service?
8. Read Romans 12:1-2. How are we to “offer our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God?” How is service a sacrifice? What is the difference between serving a genuine need and serving our own need to serve?
9. How do we develop a servant’s heart? How do we make service a natural part of our identity as Christians?
10. How will you work to develop a servant’s heart this week? How will you serve others in the name of Christ this week?

**“We are God’s currency, to be spent by him to bless, heal and restore others. Through the spiritual discipline of service, we are involved in a great adventure with the Holy Spirit, following his lead into loving service and sacrifice for the sake of Christ and the Kingdom.”** Richard Foster, *Disciplines of the Holy Spirit*.