



I Am Christ Church: Part 3 - Serve

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"I Am Christ Church" - The mission. What we believe. **How we live.**

Christ makes a Christian. **Disciplines** make the **disciple**.

The Wheel:

1. Never ends. Never outgrow.
2. Start anywhere. Finish everywhere.
3. Simple definition and complex definition.

We **Serve**

John 13:1–5, 12-17

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. ² It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. ⁴ So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

¹² After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? ¹³ You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. ¹⁴ And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them."

Philippians 2:3-8

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.



⁵You must have the same **phroneo** that Christ Jesus had.

⁶Though he was God,
he did not think of equality with God
as something to cling to.

⁷Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;
he took the humble position of a slave
and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,
⁸he humbled himself in obedience to God
and died a criminal's death on a cross.

We serve when we have the same **phreneo** (attitude, belief, conviction) as Christ.

We serve **others** as Christ serves **us**.

REFLECTIONS

1. What “simple definition” comes to mind for the word “serve” from the wheel?
What more complex definition would you suggest for it?
2. Have you ever invited someone to something? Have you ever invited someone to something regarding your faith? What happened? What was it like for you?
What did you learn from it?
3. Read John 13:1-5 and 12-17. What do you notice? What can we learn about service from Jesus in this particular passage?
4. What are some of your deeply held convictions? Do your actions in life match your stated convictions? Why or why not?
5. Read Philippians 2:3-8. What do you notice? What can we learn about the **phroneo** of Christ from this particular passage?
6. How might you cultivate the **phreneo** of Christ in your life for service to others?