

What's so great about serving people in sometimes, very difficult circumstances? Why does it take us so long to understand the stark reality that "the way up is down?" We are so use to self-promotion. We expect it from commercials and infomercials. No one advertises their product as average or "one of the best." It gets ugly when self-promotion works overtime to put others down while reciting our amazing accomplishments. God has another way for all of us. No matter what we perceive to be our station in life, we need to discover the joy of serving others as we reflect on the One who *"came to serve and give His life as a ransom for many."*

***Who's really listening?***

***Whatever...?***

***True greatness***

## ***Personal Application and Interaction***

1. How do you feel when you begin to talk about your pain only to have a friend take over the conversation with their own story of even greater suffering?
2. Let's be honest. Vacations are nice, especially if they involve having someone treat you like royalty for a brief moment in time. So, [remember...we're being honest] do you get more joy out of being waited on, hand and foot, or serving the needs of others?
3. What's your story about learning to serve?
4. What do you think is the connection between joy and serving? Why do universities and public services put a premium on their constituents participating in community service?



## **How good is this?**

*Mark 10:32-45*

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