

# Week Two

## ***The Best is Yet to Come*** **The Door of Fulfillment-Service**

How many commercials or advertising images do you think you see in one day? Conservatively speaking, the number is anywhere from 600 to well over 3,000 per day. That's incredible! Each day we're bombarded by advertising images trying to convince us that we need more stuff to become a better person in this world. That's not the way of Jesus. In fact, he rebels directly against this thinking. Matthew 20:25-28 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Our culture says to try to get more stuff and more people underneath you to make yourself more important. Jesus says it actually works the opposite way. He says that if you want to feel better about yourself, if you want to move up in the world in a truly significant way, you need to give your life away.

So how can you look out at the world with cross-colored eyes? The first thing good servants need is a passion for what they're doing. And you have that passion. As a Christian, you are motivated by Jesus' death on the cross- that's the same passion that motivated Paul, John, Luther and others to bring Christ to the world, and even to die.

Second, great servants need to find their fit. That means you need to think about the gifts God's given you. Then you need to look at your past experiences. Finally, you need to think about where God has placed you right now- Messiah Lutheran Church. A church that's taking on an incredible mission these next few years- to build. To build new buildings, so that we can reach out and grow people in Christ.

Would you like to be part of that?. . . I thought so. After all, God's logic, the logic of service is the best!