

THE LIVING ROOM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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LIFE AT ITS BEST

(PART 1) SERVANTHOOD

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Successful Jesus follower: An authentic devoted disciple, committed to becoming Christ-like.

Devoted to exhibiting, displaying and developing a character that reflects Christ.
Conducive to growth and to the establishment of genuine and productive relationships.

Servanthood

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" -Galatians 5:13-14

The command to servanthood derives from who God is Himself.

God is community. Within the being of God there are three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit united in a relationship of oneness.

"This is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh . . ." -Genesis 2:23

1. Dominion _____.

"Then God said, 'Let us make human beings in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'" -Genesis 1:26.

2. Domestic _____.

"God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'" -Genesis 1:28

What happened?

As they sinned against God and the fall took place, the first thing that happened is the disappearance of the relationship of mutual servanthood, the relationship of oneness.

"To the woman he said, 'I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.'" -Genesis 3:16

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!"

-Philippians 2:5-8

"Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. 'What is it you want?' he asked. She said, 'Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.' 'You don't know what you are asking,' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?' 'We can,' they answered. Jesus said to them, 'You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.' When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. 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.'"
-Matthew 20:20-28

Two Models for Structuring Community

1. The Rulers _____ it over them.

2. _____ and _____.

Christ as the head of the church. What does that mean, 'head'?

"The Father, God, has put all things under Christ's feet and has made him above all supremely head for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all." -Ephesians 1:22-23

"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." -Ephesians 4:5-16

What Does the Principle of Servanthood Mean in the Church, and the Family?

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up."
-Ephesians 4:11-12

The Church?

So who is a minister in the church? Who does all the ministry? In the Living Room Church, we believe very deeply that Every Jesus follower is a minister.

The Family?

Remember, the two shall become one.

Ephesians 5:21-29