

DRINKING DEEP

SERVANTHOOD

Remember: We want to live the “with God” life, not just the “for God” life. We do spiritual disciplines to connect with God.

Words from Jesus

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. ...do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.... Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

~ Matthew 6:1-4

Jesus calls us to follow Him in being a servant, not just to God, but to others as well. Servants aren't usually rewarded for their service; it's just expected of them. However, God is so full of love toward us that He delights in rewarding us when we serve.

When we do a good deed, we often want to be recognized. We look around to see who noticed the good thing we did. Jesus warns us that this can ruin our act of kindness and actually rob us of the reward that God has for us.



DRINKING DEEP

The Practice of the Week:

This week we want to practice being secret servants. Do three things this week that will lift someone else's burden. Any act of kindness that lightens someone's load will do, large or small. As far as you are able, try to be a servant to others without them knowing. Some things may be impossible to hide, and don't lie if you are asked. Just try not to draw attention to what you have done. Be creative and do things you wouldn't normally do.

A few examples could be:

- Clean someone's room
- Do a chore for someone else
- Borrow a car over lunch and clean it inside and out
- Serve a meal at South Church or Intersection
- Ask God to send you a person in need. Then pay attention to the people God brings.

Bonus Exercise: Spend a few minutes each day meditating on Philippians 2:1-13

For Reflection with a small group or a friend:

1. What was the most challenging aspect of serving in secret?
2. How did you feel as you were serving? How did you feel afterward?
3. What, if anything, did you learn about God or yourself through this exercise?

***How did you experience God in this activity or during this teaching series? Share it with us!
Email stories@newheightschurch.com***