

# The Goat

## Small Group Discussion Guide—8/12/2018

Who are your personal heroes, or someone you admire greatly? What are the things these people have done that make them so important to you?

Chances are the people you admire have earned your respect and admiration not by being the most rich, collecting the most titles, etc, but by serving you directly or by serving others in some way.

Read Mark 10:41-45

- What does this passage tell us about God's definition of greatness?
- Jesus says that he came not to be served but to serve. What are some of the examples of how Jesus served others?

A servant lives for the needs of other people and to make other people look good. However, oftentimes we have a tendency to serve for the wrong motives – for example, to make ourselves look good to others, to receive praise, etc. How do you react when you continually do good things for others and no one seems to notice?

- Read Matthew 6:1-4
- Read Hebrews 6:10
- What expectations does the Bible set for receiving rewards when we do good things?
- In light of eternity, which would you rather have – immediate recognition and humanly praise, or Heavenly rewards gifted by God?

Service, however, is not a requirement of God's law, but a response to God's love.

- Read Galatians 5:13
- What does Paul mean that we were "called to be free"?
- What price did we pay for this freedom?
- If our salvation was God's free gift to us, how does Paul say we should respond?

What are some practical ways you can "serve one another in love" this week – whether at your workplace, in your community, or at church?

Remind your group – if anyone is looking to serve at church, check out the new site for all church needs at [3vc.org/serve](http://3vc.org/serve).

Pray together for your eyes to be opened to the needs of those God has place in your lives, and for humble hearts willing to imitate Jesus by meeting those needs.