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“SERVING CHRIST”
Persevering and Overcoming
MARK 9:14-29

- ***Solomon’s Start and Solomon’s Finish***

1 KINGS 3:1-15; 1 KINGS 11:1-6

ECCLESIASTES 7:8 ***Finishing is better than starting*** (i.e. How we finish is more important than how we start.)

- ***Jesus Warned...*** MATTHEW 24:23; MATTHEW 25:21, 23, 26-30

A Christian Servant must...

1. **DESCEND** *the* _____ MARK 9:14; JOHN 15:5; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7

A Christian Servant must...

2. **DETERMINE** *to* _____ MARK 9:19

A Christian Servant must...

3. **DEPEND** *on GOD’S* _____ MARK 9:29; JOHN 15:5; 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

- **Only the _____ of Jesus dominates the Spirit world.**
- **Only the _____ of Jesus does the Spirit’s work.**

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. In Sunday’s sermon we discussed the difficulties and challenges to faithfulness in serving Jesus. Was there anything helpful or confusing about this message?
2. What makes people give their life to serving Christ?
3. What makes serving Christ so challenging? Of the people you know who have stopped serving, what do you think caused them to stop?
4. What do you personally do to persevere and overcome the challenges associated with serving Christ?

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- **Read Matthew 25:14-30. What did the first two servants do to receive from the Master, “Well done, good and faithful servant”? what did the third servant do with the master’s money? What did the master say to him that revealed why he did that? (vs. 26) Do you have any other observations from this passage that would help in our desire to serve Christ?**
- **Read John 15:1-8. What is the natural result of a branch connected to a vine? What happens to a fruitless branch? What does it actually mean for a branch (follower) to remain or abide in the vine (Jesus)...how does a vine nourish a branch? How does Jesus nourish us?**
- **Read 1 Peter 4:10, 11. What has God given to every believer with regard to serving? What might be keeping believers from using the gift God has given them?**
- **Read Ephesians 4:11-16. What are some of the gifts in the church? How is the body of Christ built up? (vs. 16) If some “parts” are not doing their work, how does that affect the whole body?**

LIVING OUT

- **In 2020, will you seek to discover your God given gift in the body of Christ and use it?**