



Week Five – Delayed Response

CONNECT

- Have you ever done something that seemed insignificant at the time, in your job, school or family? But later discovered that it made a significant impact?

WORD

Luke 16:10 and Colossians 3:23

10 "Unless you are faithful and small matters, you won't be faithful in large ones. If you cheat even a little, you won't be honest with great responsibilities."

23 Servants do every task with equal dedication. Whatever they do, servants "do it with all their heart"

THOUGHT

The size of the task is irrelevant. The only issue is, does it need to be done? We will never arrive at the state in life where we are too important to help with menial tasks. God will never exempt us from the mundane. It is a vital part of our character curriculum. (Galatians 6:3) Great opportunities often disguised themselves in small task. The little things in life determine the big things! (Examples Esther and Joseph)

DISCUSSION

1. Luke 16:10 shares an idea that if you are not faithful with little, you cannot be faithful with much. Do you agree with this statement? Share an example from your life.

2. In some instances like in the story of Joseph, menial task became a way of life. Are you prepared to do menial task to serve people, even when your efforts may never be noticed by anyone? Why or why not?

3. What good is it to do things for people who will never find out?

4. Paul, shares in Colossians 3:23, that it is important no matter the task to do it with all your heart. This includes mundane task. Why is it important to do all task with the same heart?

5. What do you think it means to be a servant leader? Give an example of a servant leader and share why you think they are a good servant leader.

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- This week, instead of going through routine and doing the mundane, focus on why you are doing each specific task seeking to be faithful with each part.
- During this week identify the areas in your life in which you are a leader, examine them to seek out the type of leader you are.

PRAYER

- Pray asking God to help make you faithful in small task so that you can be trusted in big task. Use the story of Joseph (Genesis 37-52) as a reference point.
- Ask God to help you become more of a servant leader as you lead in your spheres of influence.