

1. A servant's heart beats in rhythm with the Servant that set it free. (v. 13)

Describe the life of a person who has no freedom. Have you ever felt this way?

Read Matthew 20:26-28. What act of service did Christ do to set us free? Describe all the ways Christ was a servant?

2. A servant's heart prevents freedom from becoming slavery to flesh. (v.13)

What did Christ set us free from? In what ways does your flesh attempt to enslave you to serve yourself?

What did Christ set us free to? (i.e. What do you have freedom to do now that you did not have freedom to do before you were saved?)

What do you think the call to freedom sounds like? Do you continually hear Christ calling you to serve?

3. A servant's heart looks for opportunities to set others free. (v. 13)

Serving one another is as simple as "freeing someone up" from that which enslaves them.

- Freedom from limited resources
- Freedom from obstacles to worship
- Freedom from fearful thinking
- Freedom from the weaknesses of personal limitation. (Allowing someone to operate in the area of their strength)
- Freedom from the consequences of foolish behavior

What opportunities have you had recently to serve?

What opportunities to serve your small group do you see?

What opportunities to serve Christ do you see in our church?

What opportunities are you aware of that never seem to be served?

4. A servant's heart rules in a way guilt never could. (v. 14)

Have you ever been "guilted" into serving?

Read Luke 17:7-10. Should you ever serve out of a sense of duty? Does God require us to serve even when we don't feel like it?

What should be the primary motive for serving one another?

5. A servant's heart is the only repellant to cannibalistic Christianity. (v.15)

Have you ever had another Christian "take a bite out of you?" What was your response?

Do you have a tendency to bite and devour others?

How much damage is caused to the mission of the church when Christians are cannibals?

How can you "watch out" for this causing damage in our church?

Additional Scripture

- Matthew 20:26-28
- Luke 17:7-10
- Matthew 11:28-30
- Acts 17:24-25
- Romans 12:1
- 2Cor. 9:12
- 2Tim. 2:4