

## PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE COURSE EIGHT

# CHRIST THE SERVANT

### How to Use This Guide

This self-study guide is a companion document to the video course "Christ The Servant" This guide will help you to gain deeper insight into Jesus' role as The Servant, now that you know Him as The Mediator. Jesus has left an example for us to follow in how we should serve Him as well as how we should serve others.

Each Glory to Glory Study guide is organized around five areas of learning:

1. **Synopsis of Key Learning** - The synopsis will provide summaries of key points from the video that are important for you to understand and serve as foundational knowledge for the next course in the learning series.
2. **Important Vocabulary and Concepts** - This study guide will provide explanation of important words or ideas that are critical to understanding biblical truth.
3. **Deeper Learning** - The more you know and understand about who God is and how He works, the deeper in love you fall. God wants to have a deep and abiding relationship with you. He desires for you to know Him. This section of guide will give you additional insights into the teaching from the video for you to study on your own. If you have questions, there will be mentoring moments in the online school for you to get your questions answered.
4. **Life Application** - God calls for us to not just be a hearer of His word, but a doer also. (James 1:22). This means that God expects for us to apply what we learn about Him in our everyday lives. This section of the study is to help you think about the ways to apply what you learn from the course to your everyday life.
5. **Memory Scriptures** - Scriptures that support key concepts in the course will be highlighted. We encourage you to memorize these scriptures by meditating on them until they are hidden in your heart. When you hide God's word in your heart, it makes it hard for the enemy to deceive you. In this way, you are less likely to sin against God. (Psalm 119:11)

### Introduction to Course Eight

Have you given any thought to the fact that Christ considered Himself to be a servant? He made it clear to us that He did not come to be served but to serve (Matthew 20:28). In striping Himself of His divinity because He is the second Person of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), He left a powerful example to us that in reigning in humility and meekness we are still strong. In this course, Christ The Servant, you will get a full understanding of what it means to be a servant and how to serve God successfully as a servant of God

**Christ The Mediator****Synopsis**

In the “Christ The Servant” video course we learn that Jesus Christ made of Himself no reputation to come and save humanity as it says in Philippians 2:5-8 “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross.”

Jesus Christ humbled Himself to take on the role of the servant. This is the lowly place. A lowly place of being.

Imagine being a part of the Godhead and instead of coming in power and force to rescue your people you come to earth born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit as a baby.

Further imagine that your birth was not in a palatial estate but instead in a stable surrounded by farm animals. Could you get any more humble than that?

And this is the example that God set for us. Not to think of ourselves more highly than others but taking the lower position. In doing so, this makes you no less than anyone else. It makes us no less a son or a daughter of the King but it signifies that we know who we are and it is ok to step into the role of a servant, just as Christ did for us. We also know that being a servant has a purpose. There is something that God requires of us while we are in the role of the servant

<p><b>Key Vocabulary/ Concepts</b></p>	<p><b>Bond Servant (definition)</b> – (n) properly, someone who belongs to another; a bond-slave, without any ownership rights of their own. Ironically, doúlos ("bond-slave") is used with the highest dignity in the NT – namely, of believers who willingly live under Christ's authority as His devoted followers.</p>
<p><b>Deeper Learning</b></p>	<p><b>You can only serve one master.</b> There are many people who believe that they can serve more than one master but the scriptures are very clear, you will end up loving one and hating the other. (Matthew 6:24) At some point in our lives we will have to make a choice.</p> <p><b>If you want to be first, you must be last.</b> In Matthew 20:26, Jesus tells His disciples that if they want to be first they must be last. If they want to be great they must serve others. What would it look like in your life if you were to serve others?</p> <p><b>A servant with an undivided heart attracts the presence of God.</b> Like Obed edom, when we serve God with an undivided heart and in the right way we attract the presence of God. Like attracts like - so God's presence is wherever a heart reflects the purity of God. To be that servant who serves God the right way we must live a life of repentance because we know that we are just mere men who do sin. God is ready and willing to forgive us when we come asking for forgiveness.</p> <p><b>Syncretism.</b> This is the fusion of different or opposing principles, practices, or parties, as in philosophy or religion. When we come to know the Lord, we generally have cultural practices and belief systems that may be in opposition to the word of God. It is very important that we discontinue and repent for these traditions and beliefs in order to fully worship God in the right way. The Philistines practiced syncretism, they wanted to keep the ark of the covenant and their God, Dagon, but we see that God would not allow this mixture. Today, while we may not die on the spot it is important to know that you may not see the presence of God in a tangible way in your life when you have any mixture. Today this mixture will come in many forms like burning sage, burying statues or worshiping</p>

	<p>crystals, using certain mixture and formulas as a “good luck charm”, reading horoscopes, going to tarot card readers, seeing psychics and medium, performing any kind of black magic or “white” magic, ouija boards, visiting witch doctors, etc. These are all forms of syncretism. So we cannot serve the Lord in the right way and mix it with all these other practices that are in direct opposition to the word of God.</p>
<p><b>Life Application</b></p>	<p><b>Serving only one Master (Matthew 6:24)</b> - “You cannot serve two masters: God and money. For you will hate one and love the other, or else the other way around.”</p>
<p><b>Memory Scriptures</b></p>	<p><b>Psalms 86:11</b>          “Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.”</p>
<p><b>Prayer</b></p>	
<p>Jesus, Mediator and Servant,</p> <p>I thank You for the example you have set for us in serving others humbly and in meekness. Today I submit myself to serving You and You alone. Uproot any other gods that I have put before You because they are nothing compared to You. They cannot save and their presence is definitely not with me wherever we go. Today I repent if I have taken part in any form of syncretism. Forgive me for ever thinking that I could mix my worship with You and other things. I ask now that you continually bring to my attention anything that I am involved in that is direct opposition to Your word. Give me a full understanding of what it means to be a servant and show me how I can serve You by serving others. I pray that You continue to unfold Your purpose for my life as I draw closer to You, in Jesus name.</p> <p>Amen.</p>	