

## Peaks Message

### July 20, 2018

#### I. Scripture- Matt. 20:28

##### A. Intro- 2 parts: “Service” and “Ransom”

1. “To serve, not to be served”/cross reference Mark 10:45  
John 13:12-17 \* 15    I Peter 2:21 “example” – Phil Sutton
2. “Ransom for many”:
  - a. II Tim. 2:24-26: Ransom/held captive/kidnapped/enslaved
  - b. I Peter 1:18-19 (blood- Lev. 17:11- life for life)
  - c. Rom. 12:1- NT: living sacrifice (OT- dead)
3. Context- 26, 28, 20-24, 17-19/29 (Jericho: place) – going to Jerusalem for Passover, where Jesus crucified

##### B. Joy- Acronym. (Priorities for service)

#### J 1. Jesus: Lord, Master, Bondsman/Servant

- a. Matt. 10:37-39, Luke 14:26-27
- b. John 14:15, 15:14. – Do what I command.  
\* - Gospel of Mark 16:15-16, Matthew 28:19-20
- c. Colossians 3:22-24- Lord you serve, heartily

#### O 2. Others-on Jesus’ behalf-Matt. 5:16

- a. John 13:34-35, John 15:12-13 (Also note verse 11 on “joy)
- b. Phil. 2:3-7- others/attitude
- c. Heb. 10:24-25- assembling for others
- d. My personal prioritization: Wife, children, brethren, extended family, friends, co-workers, acquaintances, enemies

#### Y 3. Yourself

- a. Matt. 20:16, 19:30 (context of Matt. 20:28)  
“First will be last, last will be first”
- b. People who put themselves first, usually most miserable
- c. Take up cross- Matt. 10:38, 16:24, Mark 8:34, Luke 9:23 (daily), John 12:23-26.
- d. Gal. 2:20

#### C. Conclusion

1. Camp theme Peaks 2018
  - a. Luke 12:40
  - b. Context: v. 35-40 (note v. 37-Jesus serving us if we have served Him!)
2. I Thess. 4:16: “The Lord Himself will descend with a shout”...
  - a. “Shout” – first thing when Jesus returns
  - b. One possibility: “Ready or not, here I come!”
3. Steve Doty’s message- “Freeze”  
“What will you be caught doing when the Lord returns? Serving others for the Lord or serving yourself?”

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