

The Heart and Priority of a Servant (Matt 5:13; 20:25-26, 28; 25:31–46; Gal 6:10)
GCC, Morning Worship, 9/8/19

Introduction:

- A. The deacon is a specific office of what all Christians are generally called to do and be

- I. The Varied Use of “Servant” in the New Testament
 - A. A Definition of “Deacon”
 - 1. “Deacon” means “servant”
 - 2. The idea of a “servant” captures the essence of what Christ came to be and do on earth (Matt 29:28)

 - B. The Broad Use of “Servant” in the New Testament
 - 1. Christ as Servant (Rom 15:8)
 - 2. Apostles as Servants (1 Cor 3:5)
 - 3. Pastors as Servants (1 Tim 4:6)
 - 4. The Civil Magistrate as Servant (Rom 13:4)
 - 5. Women in the Church as Servants (Rom 16:1)
 - 6. Christians as Servants
 - a. Of Jesus’ Disciples (Matt 20:25–26)
 - b. Of anyone who would follow Jesus Christ (Jn 12:26)

- II. The Witness of a Servant’s Heart (Matt 5:13 and 16)
 - A. A Life of Service to your Neighbor Serves as a Witness to the Life of Christ

- III. The Priority of a Servant’s Heart
 - A. The Priority and Predominance of Service will be to the Church (Gal 6:10)

 - B. The Day of Judgment will Showcase Your Service to the Saints (Matt 25:31–46)

 - C. “How am I serving Grace Covenant Church?”