



## The Joy of Helping

**Listen!** Would you rather help someone or be helped? Where is the greater joy?

**Why talk about this?** In our culture we believe that the greater joy is in being helped.

**Question:** Is it possible that the major joy, the greatest joy, is in helping others?

**Major Idea for Today:** One of the great results of helping others...is sheer joy.

#1 We are instructed to be servants. Mark 10:35-45.

#2 We are instructed to have an attitude of self-sacrifice. Philippians 2:5-8.

#3 One reason Jesus served was “for the joy set before Him.” Heb 12:2

**The joy of helping others has many facets:**

- We get the joy of seeing other people lifted up and provided for.
- We get the joy of obedience.
- We get the joy of using our gifts and our resources.
- We get the joy of practicing sacrifice.
- We get the joy of knowing a reward is coming.
- We get the joy of being used by God.

**For Instance:**

**So What?** Please, in this week—before next Sunday, plan and complete a sacrificial act of service toward at least one person or family. Do something that substantially helps—something someone really needs. At Cypress one of our key values and habits is to “Bless others in service.” What would happen if we were to faithfully live into what we say we believe? One sacrificial act of helping a person or a family. Please.