



# HEART OF A SERVANT

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Pre-Event Bible Study

**“O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son  
of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.”**

– Ps. 116:16





## A Servant's Heart is...

### **WILLING**

(Galatians 5:13)

### **PRAYERFUL**

(Luke 6:12)

### **COMPASSIONATE**

(Ephesians 4:32)

### **BRAVE**

(Joshua 1:9)

### **BROKEN**

(Psalm 51:17)

### **HOPEFUL**

(Romans 15:13)



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# A Servant's Heart

## WARM-UP

### SONG (4 MIN.)

“To Him Who by the Power” by John C. Ylvisaker  
(*Singing Saints*, #32)

### TEAM SLALOM (10 MIN.)

*No supplies needed.*

Form two teams. Have the members of each team form a circle with members standing sideways and an arm's length apart. Instruct team members to place their hands on the shoulders of the person in front of them, lean forward and arch their backs to form bridges.

Then, on your signal, have a member of each team step out of the circle, weave in and out of all the bridges in the circle and return to his or her original position. As soon as the first person returns, the next person in line may leave and slalom around the circle. Continue until everyone on the team has run through the slalom. The first team to finish wins.

### HEART CONDITION (7 MIN.)

*Find a partner, introduce yourselves, and share:*

- One high for you from today;
- One low for you from today; and
- One way you saw God at work today.

Come back to the large group and share a few highlights from the pair conversations.

## DIGGING IN (15 MIN.)

*Depending on the size of your group, it might be best to do the “digging in” section in small groups.*

The Bible mentions the “heart” 743 times! The heart is key to our will and emotions, and it is where Jesus lives. For our Servant Event Bible Studies this year, we will be focusing on the Servant's Heart.

*Share answers to the following questions:*

**Q:** What does the phrase “Servant's Heart” mean to you? What does it mean to have the heart of a servant?

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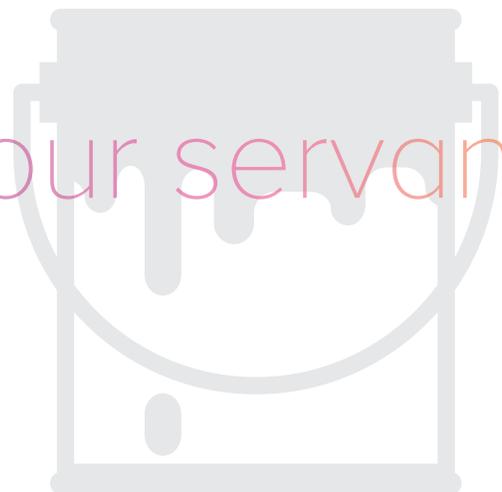
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**Q:** Who do you know who has this heart?

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“O Lord, I am your servant.”



## HEARING FROM THE WORD

*“O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.”*

– Ps. 116:16

*Ask everyone to read the above passage together, out loud, twice.*

*Spend some time sharing about being a servant in connection with this passage.*

**Q:** What would it look like if our group was set free for God’s service at this Servant Event? What would you hear? What would you see?

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**Q:** What are things our group needs to avoid if we are set free for God’s service at this Servant Event?

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Look at the following descriptions of a Servant’s Heart:

- A servant’s heart is **willing**.
- A servant’s heart is **prayerful**.
- A servant’s heart is **compassionate**.
- A servant’s heart is **brave**.
- A servant’s heart is **broken**.
- A servant’s heart is **hopeful**.

**Q:** Which of these descriptions speaks most to you? Why?

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**Q:** Can you give examples from Jesus’ life and ministry that illustrate the above characteristics (willing, prayerful, compassionate, brave, broken and hopeful)?

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Read the passage out loud together, again, twice! This time, in pairs, facing each other.



## PRAYER (5 MIN.)

Close in prayer, asking God to create a Servant Heart in each member of your group.

*This meeting would be a great time to develop a group covenant, as well.*