

## How People Grow

“Serving - A Different Kind of Life”: Matthew 20:20-28  
September 25, 28-29: Ken Philbeck, East Campus Pastor

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*“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”* Mark 10:43-45

*“By this we may know that we are in Him: whoever says He abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.”* 1 John 2:5-6 (ESV)

We are never more like God than when we serve like God.

God knows that our lives are most compelling when we serve.

Jesus said to live a compellingly different kind of life where instead of focusing on yourself and what you want to get or accomplish, you focus on someone else...you put the needs of others first.

- His invitation was different. *Matthew 4:18-22*
- His message was different.
- Jesus’ example was different. *John 13:3-5, 13-17*

Choosing to live a different kind of life is compelling – it’s powerful and irresistible – it will capture the attention of people.

### Five for the Drive

#### A family conversation starter for the ride home

1. How does the world define greatness?
2. How does God define greatness?
3. What kind of life does Jesus ask us to embrace?
4. Who are some people you know that exemplify this kind of different life?
5. What would happen in our community if we embraced this different “compelling” life?

## **Ministry Opportunities**

For more information about these and other events, go to [SavannahChristian.com/Events](http://SavannahChristian.com/Events).

### **Step Into The Deep - Women's Retreat**

**5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 – 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12**

#### **Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island**

Ladies, step away from the busyness of life and join us for this secluded, overnight retreat. Experience what it means to be planted like trees near deep waters to find your strength in Him. The retreat costs \$100 (2 per room) or \$80 (4 per room). Purchase your ticket from a Connection Kiosk, The Source bookstore or online at [SavannahChristian.com](http://SavannahChristian.com) by Monday, Oct. 7. Contact Nikki at [NBird@SavannahChristian.com](mailto:NBird@SavannahChristian.com) for more information, carpooling advice and directions.

### **Men's Recharge Retreat**

**6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 – 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20**

#### **W. W. Mann Center, Statesboro, GA**

All men are invited to join us for our annual weekend retreat of fellowship, worship, discipleship and spiritual recharge. Come along, build friendships and recharge your walk with Christ. The retreat costs \$75. Purchase your ticket at The Source bookstore by Sunday, Oct. 6.

### **Global Gathering**

**12:45 – 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29**

#### **The Link across the lake**

Do you have a heart for what God is doing through our church in Savannah and across the world? Join us for food, fun and fellowship as we hear from three returning teams and send out three more. This is an opportunity to learn more about our global partners and the impact they are having around the world. Lunch is provided.

### **FPU Extreme**

**5 – 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1 and 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2**

#### **Adult Ministry Center across the street**

Learn practical skills for managing money from a biblical perspective in this condensed version of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University course. Topics include personal savings, eliminating debt, investing for retirement, wealth-building and more. \$15/person covers three meals and snacks, and there is a \$99 charge for a membership kit. Families may share materials. Get your ticket online at [SavannahChristian.com](http://SavannahChristian.com) by Thursday, Oct. 24.