

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward." Matthew 10:42 (NIV)

Go And Do

What is worthwhile? What do you find rewarding? What work is receiving your best efforts? What will you be glad you did when your life in this world comes to an end? Those are very good questions. The answers to those questions will help me to prioritize how I spend my time and use my life. **That's right. Do you have answers to my questions?** Yes, I do. I find it worthwhile serving you. It is very rewarding for me to know and do your will. Serving you is worth my very best efforts. At the end of my life I hope to have done what you had given me to do for you. I hope to hear you say, "well done good and faithful servant." Nothing would please me more than to hear these words from you. **That is a very good desire.**

How will you know that you have served me well? How will you know that your life has been well spent? The only way that I will know the answers to those questions is by listening to you. I know that you are leading my life. I know that you are prompting me to do things for you. I know that it is your will that I serve others on your behalf. You don't want me to walk right on by someone in need. You don't want me to spend all that I have been given on myself. You want me to love like you loved. You want me to give like you gave. You want me to have a soft heart and an open hand to those that are in need. You want me to use all my gifts, talents and abilities to serve others. **Yes, I do.**

Will you go and do what I prompt you to do for me? Will you allow yourself to be inconvenienced? Will you sacrifice your own comfort and pleasure so that you can minister to the needs of others on my behalf? Yes Lord, I will go and do what you ask me to do for you. I want you to use my life however you desire. I want my life to be a bright and shining witness for you in the world as I serve others on your behalf. **Do this and you will one day hear me say, "well done, good and faithful servant."** Yes Lord, I will.

Lord, it will be my joy to serve others on your behalf. I will watch for opportunities to do good things for others because I am following you as one of your disciples. Use my life as a bright witness for you in this world as I love like you loved and give like you gave. Amen

If *A Cup Of Cold Water*

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NIV Matthew 10:42

If *A Cup Of Cold Water*

And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded."

NLT Matthew 10:42

If *A Cup Of Cold Water*

and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

NRSV Matthew 10:42

If *A Cup Of Cold Water*

And whoever gives to one of these little ones [in rank or influence] even a cup of cold water because he is My disciple, surely I declare to you, he shall not lose his reward.

AMP Matthew 10:42

If *A Cup Of Cold Water*

"And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."

NASB Matthew 10:42

If *A Cup Of Cold Water*

And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

ESV Matthew 10:42

If *A Cup Of Cold Water*

And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

NKJV Matthew 10:42

If *A Cool Cup Of Water*

Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won't lose out on a thing."

MSG Matthew 10:42

If *A Cup Of Cold Water*

"And if, as my representatives, you give even a cup of cold water to a little child, you will surely be rewarded."

TLB Matthew 10:42

If *A Cup Of Cold Water*

Those who give one of these little ones a cup of cold water because they are my followers will truly get their reward."

NCV Matthew 10:42

A Cup Of Cold Water

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

If – Matthew 10:42

In Context: *Read Matthew 10*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, it will be my joy to serve others on your behalf. I will watch for opportunities to do good things for others because I am following you as one of your disciples. Use my life as a bright witness for you in this world as I love like you loved and give like you gave. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What joy have you had in serving another person on behalf of Jesus Christ?

When has the Holy Spirit led you to do something for another person on behalf of Jesus Christ?

How consistently are you responding to the Holy Spirit's leading to serve others on behalf of Jesus Christ?

When have you deeply regretted that you failed to serve another person on behalf of Jesus Christ?

How has your life been a bright witness for Jesus Christ as you have served others on His behalf?

Who might really benefit right now from your serving them on behalf of Jesus Christ?

When will you be rewarded for whatever you have done for others on behalf of Jesus Christ?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Serve others on behalf of Jesus Christ because you are one of His followers.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will reward you in heaven for what you have done for Him in this life.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are serving others because you are a follower of Jesus Christ.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you serve others on behalf of Jesus Christ because you are one of His followers.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will serve others on your behalf because I am following you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I serve others on your behalf as I follow you today?
