

**DTS: Special Edition, Pt. 1 (This class took place on four Wednesday nights during the Summer of 2011 – while the notes are few, the conversations were rich, lasting an hour and a half, helping us get a fresh perspective on our lives and calling to be transformed to serve the world!)**

**A “Little” Different DTS!** Brief time open to us... Four weeks! Use some mini-topics/concepts to start great conversations! Not as intensive, nor *the* intensive... But direct/transparent conversations

**Target is the same – growth in Jesus, empowerment for future... Nothing less than change**

**A Schmeka & Yoke!** Different yokes/different folks! yokes of prosperity-yokes of law/legalism-yokes of deliverance-yokes of political activism-yokes of holiness-yokes of spiritual authority-**Ours is simply, serving!**  
In the garb/for a lifetime!

**Christ-following means people-loving & people-serving!**

**In our understanding of God’s word, that is the essence of God Himself!**

“earthly rulers exercise lordship and authority upon others. But that’s not how it is among you: whoever wants to be great among you, will be your minister: And whoever wants to be the best will be the servant of all. Just like the Son of man came not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. **Mk 10.42-45** “The world is full of religious hypocrites appearing to be people of stature. Do you want to stand out? Then step down. Be a servant. If you puff yourself up, you’ll be pierced. But if you’ll humble yourself now, at the right time and place you’ll be lifted up by God. **Mt 23.11,12** Jesus got up from the table, set aside his robe, and put on an apron. He poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, drying them with his apron. When he got to Simon Peter, Peter said, “Master, are you going to wash my feet?” Jesus answered, “You don’t understand now what I’m doing, but it will be clear enough to you later.” Peter persisted, “You’ll never wash my feet!” Jesus said, “If I don’t, you can’t be part of what I’m doing.” “Master!” said Peter. “Not only my feet, then. Wash my hands! Wash my head!” Jesus said, “If you’re clean already you only need your feet washed. So now you’re clean. After he finished washing their feet, he took his place at the table. Then he said, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me your ‘Teacher’ and ‘Master,’ and rightly so. Because I am... If I, the Master and Teacher, washed your feet, you must now wash each other’s feet. I’ve modeled it. What I’ve done, you do. A servant is not above his master; the ambassador not greater than the Commander. If you understand what I’m telling you, do it and you’ll be happy! **John 13.2-17**

Questions?

**The ZOE!**

The life of God, our life in God, living the life of God, for a lifetime! All of us know we are called to experience Him, fully... Somehow miss it! How? **C-O-M-P-A-R-T-M- E-N-T-A-L-I-Z-A-T-I-O-N!** When we compartmentalize our lives we can have different rules, sets of operating standards, priorities and expectations for each compartment! But we have been given “one life” to live before God and men – and wherever we operate, whatever we do, it should all be the same God-life! People in government, education, business, sports, media, entertainment, etc. can compartmentalize their lives and behavior but Christians cannot!

Where and What and Who? Where are you having a hard time living out the life of God...? What circumstance of living seems to be the greatest challenge for you to live the life of God...? Who is it in your life that most challenges you to live His ways?

Questions?