CREEKSIDE’S TEACH**ING NOTES for Sunday, October 30**, 2016

RELATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

6 Keys to Relational Health

Part 3 – The Primay Action - Serve

**Romans 12:5-8**

Relationally Intelligent people

see themselves as servants.

**We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.**

Romans 12:5-8

SERVING IS . . .

• putting others first

• other centered not me centered

• about giving and not getting

• about seeing and seeking to meet the needs of others

GOD IS A SERVANT

Jesus doesn’t come to earth to “become” a servant; He comes as servant to reveal who God is. As servant, Jesus is not simply identifying with us; rather, He is showing us who God is. It is not so much God becoming like us as God inviting us to become a servant like Him.

**Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;  
    you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.**

**Isaiah 58:9**

•God forms man and woman

•God plants a garden

•God saves Israel out of Egypt and then takes the slave’s role of carrying a torch by night and a canopy of cloud by day

•Jesus tells us God is our provider as he cares for us and the birds

**The eyes of all look to you,  
    and you give them their food at the proper time.**

Psalm 145:15

**You have been a refuge for the poor,  
    a refuge for the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the storm  
    and a shade from the heat.**

Isaiah 25:4

“God is the first servant, but although he serves men, it is important to note he is not a servant to men.”

Benzak Uzuegbu

“Their lives are perpetual fashion shows, embroidered prayer shawls one day and flowery prayers the next.  They love to sit at the head table at church dinners, basking in the prominent positions, preening in the radiance of public flattery, receiving honorary degrees, and getting called ‘Doctor’ and ‘Reverend’.  Don’t let people do that to you, put you on a pedestal like that.  You all have a single Teacher, and you are all classmates.”

Matthew 23:5-8 The Message

**And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”**

Mark 10:42-45

The smallest package in the world

is a person all wrapped up in themself.

So the primary reason I serve isn’t because . . .

•There are needs

•I have gifts

•I have been asked to serve

•Everybody else is serving

•I feel guilty not serving

•It is my duty to serve

The primary reason I serve is because my God is a servant and I want to be like him.

My goal is not to serve but to become a servant.

To serve is to change my way of acting. To become a servant is to change my way of thinking.