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**SERMON OUTLINE 3**

***I Will Not Let My Church Be about My Preferences and Desires***

Text: Mark 9:35

1. **Introduction: Demanding children**
	1. Children can be selfish.demanding
	2. Adults can be selfish,demanding
	3. Church members can behave the same way
2. **Sermon text: Mark 9:35**

Sitting down, He called the Twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

Ill. **Point 1 - The servant motif**

* 1. The word "servant" occurs fifty-seven times in the New Testament (serve fifty-eight times)
	2. Jesus said we must be a servant to all - Mark 9:35
	3. Paul said we must be servants as well - Eph. 3:7
1. **Point 2 - A survey that said a lot**
	1. Survey of dominant characteristics of churches that were inwardly focused
	2. Worship wars
	3. Prolonged minutia meetings
	4. Facility focus
	5. Program driven
	6. Inwardly focused budget
	7. Inordinate demands for pastoral care
	8. Attitudes of entitlement
	9. Greater concern about change than the gospel
	10. Anger and hostility
	11. Evangelistic apathy
2. **Point 3 - The mind of Christ**
	1. The attitude we should embody (Jesus Christ) - Phil. 2:5-11
	2. What did Jesus do?
		1. He "did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage."
		2. "He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave."
		3. "He Humbled Himself."
		4. He became "obedient to the point of death-even to death on a cross."

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VI. **Conclusion:Take the third pledge**

"/ am a church member. I will not Jet my church be about my preferences and desires. That is self-serving. I am a member in this church to serve others and to serve Christ. My Savior went to a cross for me. I can deal with any inconveniences and matters that aren't my preference or style."

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