



Week #2: Our Service

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

Why do we Serve?

- Jesus served _____ and calls us to serve _____.

But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:25-28 (NLT)

Where do we Serve?

- Where _____ and where _____.

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

Spiritual Gifts: Romans 12:3-8, Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 & 27-31

- You are not called to do _____, but everyone is called to do _____.

Whom do we Serve?

- Our _____, our _____, our _____ and _____.

Ephesians 5:21, Galatians 5:13, Matthew 5:14-16

- We serve _____.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’ “Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’”

Matthew 25:34-40 (NLT)

Discussion questions:

1. Jesus said that he came "not to be served but to serve." How does his example challenge or reshape the way you think about serving others within the church community and outside of the walls of the church?
2. God has uniquely designed each of us and has blessed us with certain gifts to use for the work of his ministry. What gifts, experiences, passions, or abilities has God given you that you could use to serve others?
3. Jesus teaches us that when we serve others, we may actually be serving him. Who might God be inviting you to notice and serve in your family, your church, your community and beyond?
4. This week, ask Jesus each morning "Who are you inviting me to serve today?" Choose one concrete act of service and intentionally love and serve someone in that way.

Recommended resources:

[S.H.A.P.E.: Finding and Fulfilling Your Unique Purpose for Life](#), by Erik Rees

[Kingdom Purpose: Discovering Your Calling in God's Great Design](#), by Tony Evans

[The Beginner's Guide to Spiritual Gifts](#), by Sam Storms

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