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SERVING OTHERS

The Big Idea

Serving isn't just _____

A servant is _____

Memory Verse

"The greatest among you must be a servant."
Matthew 23:11

Three Biblical Principles Regarding Serving

1. Serving need to be a _____
not just an _____

"There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas).
She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor."
Acts 9:36

What are you always doing?

2. _____
_____ you _____ is as
important as _____

"Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for
you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven."
Matthew 6:1

"In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see,
so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."
Matthew 5:16

"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. . You must have the same
attitude that Christ Jesus had."
Philippians 2:3,5

3. Your _____ will be _____
"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down,
shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your
lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."
Luke 6:38-39

"Give your gifts in private, and your Father,
who sees everything, will reward you."
Matthew 6:4

Action Step

Start where you are, but don't stop there

- MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .**
- Commit my life to Jesus Christ for the first time
 - Memorize Matthew 23:11
 - Ask God to help me not just to serve, but to become a servant
 - Look for practical ways to serve those around me this week
 - Get the most from this weekend's teaching by attending my LIFE group this week



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Discussion Questions - Week #1

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend "Stepping Out In Faith: Serving Others," in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Is there any practical step you plan on taking this week in response to the message?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- If you could be the greatest of all time at one thing, what would it be?

- If someone described your actions with the word ALWAYS – "He always...She always..." What would others say you are always doing? For example: encouraging, working, posting on social media, etc.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In the message this weekend, Pastor Rick taught that Jesus is our model for serving. Perhaps the best example is found in John 13:1-17. What lesson do you think Jesus was trying to teach by washing his disciples' feet?

How do you think you might have responded if you were one of the twelve?

Do you think Jesus expects us to wash one another's feet literally?

If not, how might we put this passage into practice?

How have you experienced the promise Jesus makes in verse seventeen?

2. While we might be tempted to idealize life in the early church, it wasn't perfect. They had conflict just like the church today. Read Acts 6:1-7. What stands out to you in this passage?

Why do you think the apostles prayed and laid hands on the seven when they were only doing something practical like passing out food?

What was the result of the division of labor?

Do you think those gifted to serve like the seven, don't need to pray or share the gospel?

What practical lessons might this passage teach us in the church today?

3. Read 1 Peter 4:7-11. What do you think it looks like to love one another in the church deeply (NIV translation)?

How do you think we're supposed to practice hospitality in our culture today?

According to Peter, what is the purpose of our gifts?

Do you know what your gifts are? If so, how did you discover them?

How are you (or could you) use your gifts to serve one another in the church?

TAKING IT HOME

☞ What is one thing in your life that you would like your LIFE Group to pray for you regularly this quarter?

PRAYER REQUESTS