

Session #8: Serve People & Build Relationships! (Continued)

Galatians 5:13–14 (NLT) ¹³ For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to **serve one another in love.** ¹⁴ For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: **"Love your neighbor as yourself."**

Matthew 20:25–28 (NLT) ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. ²⁸ **For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others** and to give his life as a ransom for many."

II. Connect To People In Relationships and Give

(Because we Have Received Love, Really Know The God of Love, and Clothe Ourselves in Love, We Connect To People In Relationships, and As We Connect, We Do It in a Loving Way!)

Acts 2:42–47 (NLT) *The Believers Form a Community*

⁴² All the believers 1.) **devoted** themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to 2.) **fellowship**, and to 3.) **sharing** in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to 4.) **prayer**. ⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles 5.) **performed** many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers 6.) **met** together in one place and 7.) **shared** everything they had. ⁴⁵ They 9.) **sold** their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They 10.) **worshiped** together at the Temple each day, **met** in homes for the Lord's Supper, and **shared** their meals with great joy and generosity—⁴⁷ all the while 11.) **praising** God and 12.) **enjoying** the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Hebrews 10:23–25 (NLT) ²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing

1. Begin By Gathering, Being Friendly & Honoring People
2. Align Your Attitude With God's Perspective & By Being Nice
3. Encourage People
4. Ask People How They Are Doing and Listen To People & Their Needs
5. Pray For or With People For Their Needs

6. Share Testimonies or Maybe Scripture When Appropriate
7. Invite People To Join You When Appropriate
8. Open Up In Small Groups
9. Have Some Close Relationships

III. Receive In Relationships From True Christians

(Because We Have Received Love, Really Know The God of Love, and Clothe Ourselves in Love, We Receive In Relationships, and As We Connect, We Receive in a Loving Way!)

- Jesus made close relationships a priority
- God gave us administrative and spiritual gifts to be used in the body- someone has the gift so another person receives – example is our body
- Only in relationship is our gifts and shortcomings really worked out

1. Connect to Fruitful Christians
2. Connect to Mentors & God-Given Leaders
3. Connect to Bible Based Teachers
4. Connect to Respected, Wise, Ministries
5. Connect To Shepherds After Gods Own Heart
6. Connect to Those Who Operate In the Gifts Of The Spirit
7. Open Up In Small Groups & Some Close Relationships

Specifically, How to Get Involved:

1. We want everyone to connect by coming to church and events in person and get to know people
2. We want everyone to connect in small groups
 - a. Specific Studies For Everyone
 - i. Freedom, Growth Tract
 - b. Specific Situations
 - i. premarital training
 - ii. parenting
 - iii. financial peace university
 - iv. five love languages
 - v. marriage on the rock
 - c. Bible Studies

- i. straight forward bible studies – book of ephesians
 - ii. book studies
 - iii. purpose driven life
 - iv. Don't let the enemy at your table
 - v. The God I never Knew
 - d. Basic Format Groups
 - i. Meet, snacks, worship, devotion or application questions from sermon, prayer
 - e. Medium Sized Groups
 - i. Men, Women, Young Adults, Youth
- 3. **We want everyone to connect in a service group**
 - a. Set up
 - b. Greeting
 - c. Ushering
 - d. Clean up
 - e. Food
 - f. Food Programs
 - g. Special Events
 - h. Grounds and Maintenance
 - i. Special Ministry Projects in Community
- 4. **We want people to be preparing more for their ministry** (*service is immediate, moving in your administrative or spiritual gifts takes a little time, while leadership comes with development, giftings, and maturity*)
 - a. Discipleship Development
 - b. Humility and Love
 - c. Unity with Leadership
 - d. Holy Spirit Leading
 - e. Coming Alongside Mentors

Philippians 2:2–5 (NLT) ²Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

³Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

⁵You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

