

Community Group Guide Moving Forward "Serving" Week of November 8

Check-in

- 1. What lessons did you learn from your time in the Word this week?
- 2. Who did you share the gospel with?
- 3. What has God done in your life that's encouraging over the past week?

Scripture

Read Mark 10:45

Key Point From Message

- → Serving is not a burden it's a blessing
- → Service aligns us with Christ
- → Service is surrender in action
- → Service is a means of sanctification for you and for others

Other Scripture Referenced: *Mark 8:34; Luke 12:37; Act 4:32-35; 1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:15-16; Hebrews 12:2*

Discipleship Group Framework

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sin, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. Focus on the questions under the "Discover" section and how this week's Scripture relates to our lives.

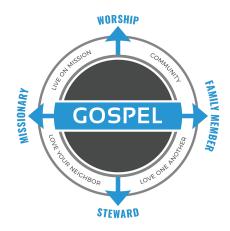


Image Church Core Values

When the gospel defines our lives it should impact everything we do. Living by the gospel should cause us to:

- → Grow towards God though daily worship
- → Love one another by gathering as family members
- → Mobilize as missionaries for God's kingdom
- → Be more generous stewards as we leverage our time, talents, and treasures for Christ.

As we study and discuss the text from this week evaluate how you can grow in each of these four areas.

Discover

- 1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
- 2. What does the text say about the character and nature of God?
- 3. What does the text say about the work of God?
- 4. What does the text say about our identity?
- 5. How does this change the way we live?

Deepen

- 1. What challenged you about this week's message?
- 2. What was Jesus' main objective in Mark 10:45?
- 3. What are some examples of Jesus serving others throughout the New Testament?
- 4. How is Jesus still serving you?
- 5. Do you view serving others as a burden or a blessing? How can you change your perspective if you find serving others to be a burden?
- 6. What does radical service look like? How are you being called to radically serve others?
- 7. Who may you be overlooking to serve?
- 8. How can you serve others as a community group? How can you serve each other within your group?

Action Step

In this series we are evaluating areas of our spiritual lives that either need to start, reorient, or grow. Where do you fall when it comes to serving? Do you see service as a burden and need to reorient your perspective or do you need to embrace the radical service Jesus called us to? Discuss with your group how you can serve those around you. Pray that God opens your eyes to the opportunities to serve others in your everyday life.

Memory Verses

¹²Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, ¹⁴I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus.

-Philippians 3:12-14 (CSB)