# **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### NEW SERVICE TIMES

Our Fall Schedule kicks off on September 4th:

Thursdays: 7:00pm

Sundays: 8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am

#### FALL STUDENT KICKOFF

Wednesday, Sept 3rd: 7pm-9pm

6th-12th graders will enjoy a fall kickoff with free pizza, games, giveaways, and a great message!



PERSONAL NOTES:		





#### **NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!**

LIFE GROUPS are smaller groups of people who commit to meet together consistently for the purpose of growing relationally and spiritually.

Browse all the Life Groups option in the Westbridge Church App and sign up today!

Let us know if you have ANY questions!

## MESSAGE NOTES

## Stop Going To Church // Week 2

You were created for a PU	JRPOSE
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For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, **SO** we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. **Ephesians 2:10** 

#### God always uses ORDINARY people...

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. **Acts 4:13** 

#### ...who make themselves \_\_\_AVAILABLE \_\_.

Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service... Romans 12:1

#### 2 results of consistent serving:

#### 1. God's grace works \_\_\_IN\_\_ you.

If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life. **Mark 8:35** 

#### 2. God's grace works <u>THROUGH</u> you.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. **1 Peter 4:10** 

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us need all the others. **Romans 12:4-5** 

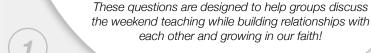
#### KEY QUESTION:

Where can I get PERSONALLY involved?

Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you ever do for the Lord is ever useless. **1 Corinthians 15:58** 

# LIFE GROUPS

#### **DISCUSSION GUIDE**





#### **WARM UP**

1. When you think of the word "serve", what's the first image or memory that comes to mind?



### **KNOW IT**

1. Read *Ephesians 2:10.* What does this verse teach us about our purpose and God's plan for us?

- 2. **Acts 4:13** describes Peter and John as "unschooled, ordinary men." How does this encourage you about the kind of people God uses?
- 2. Share about a time when someone served you in an unexpected way. How did it make you feel?
- 3. Read **Romans 12:4-5.** Paul compares the church to a body. What does this analogy reveal about the importance of every role?

4. Jesus said in *Mark 8:35* that true life comes from giving your life away. How does this truth go against our culture's normal way of thinking?



### **SHARE IT**

- 1. This weekend highlighted the idea of taking off the bib and putting on the apron. Which one would describe your posture toward church right now? Why?
- 2. Have you ever felt unqualified to serve? How does God's track record with "ordinary" people change that perspective?
- 3. Can you think of an example of an "ordinary" person God has used in a big way either from the Bible, history, or your own life?



## **LIVE IT**

- 1. Imagine if every person at Westbridge Church was actively serving what impact would that have on your community in the next 10 years?
- 2. The key to God's grace working IN us and THROUGH us is to make ourselves AVAILABLE. How could you adjust your calendar to prioritize serving consistently on a team at Westbridge Church?
- 3. If you're already serving, what's one way you could deepen your impact or encourage someone else to join you?