

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Servant Leaders are Made by Jesus

With Phil Harwood

September 13, 2026



- **Servant leadership doesn't simply consist of us pouring out. We also need to be filled up.**

Luke 22:39-43 (NLT) Then, accompanied by the disciples, Jesus left the upstairs room and went as usual to the Mount of Olives. There he told them, "Pray that you will not give in to temptation." He walked away, about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him.

Luke 7:36-8:3

- **Throughout his ministry, Jesus allows himself to be ministered to.**

Romans 16:1-2 (NLT) I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a deacon in the church in Cenchrea. Welcome her in the Lord as one who is worthy of honor among God's people. Help her in whatever she needs, for she has been helpful to many, and especially to me.

How does Jesus minister to us?

- **Through our time with him in prayer.**
- **Through our time with him in his Word.**
- **Through his people being his hands and feet.**

In practice, what does this mean?

- **We must intentionally make prayer and time in God's Word a habit and a practice**
- **"Pray as you can, not as you can't".**
- **Serving as Jesus' hands and feet, and receiving the same from others.**

- **Let's be a people who seek out and accept the ministry of Jesus so that we can serve in his name out of overflowing hearts.**

Big Idea: To serve others from an overflowing heart, we must allow Jesus to minister to us.



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#5 of 6 - September 13, 2026**

1. Reflect on, and share with your Impact Community:
 - a. How have you been serving recently, both inside our church family and beyond?
 - b. Have there been times you have felt spent or “out of gas” physically, mentally or emotionally?
 - c. How have you experienced Jesus ministering to you or filling you up during these seasons?
2. Read Luke 22:39-43 and Luke 7:36-8:3. How does Jesus allow others to minister to him? What questions do you have? What is the lesson for us as his followers?
3. Read Romans 16:1-2. What do we learn in this text about Phoebe? What do we learn about Paul?
4. Share about a time when you have experienced Jesus ministering to you:
 - Through time with him prayer
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**Serve Like Jesus
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