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Talk About

Service

Ephesians 2:10 - *“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

1. What comes to mind when you think of the word “service” in a Christian context?
2. Why do you think service is so important for a Christ follower?
3. Why do you think it’s so hard for churches to find volunteers to serve within the church?
4. What next step can you take, right now, that will help maintain or increase your ability to serve in the church?

Rest

Hebrews 4:9,10 - *“there remains, then, a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for anyone who entered God’s rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his.”*

1. What thoughts come to your mind when you think about the word “rest” in a Christian context?
2. Why is rest so important in the life of everyone, but particularly Christ followers?
3. What do you think is the difference between rest and God honoring rest? What gets in the way of you experiencing God honoring rest?
4. What do you think it would look like if you engaged in rest on a daily basis?
5. What next step can you take, right now, that will result in your engaging in God honoring rest more frequently?

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“Service and Rest”

Pathways review

Pathways is a discipleship initiative that will help Christ followers do three things:

1. Assess where we are spiritually
2. Guide us in practicing spiritual disciplines that will help me to grow
3. Help us measure our progress

We believe “If we walk the Pathways, we’ll become the virtues.”

What does the Bible say about Service?

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Biblical service is motivated by the need, not the person.

Elijah and the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:7-16)

Biblical service does not always flow out of our abundance, but sometimes flows out of our lack.

Service in Pathways

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good work, which God has prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Two areas we should think about providing biblical service:

1. Serving our Family.

“But those who won’t care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.” 1 Timothy 5:8 (NLT)

2. Serving our Church.

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

The Bible doesn’t say you have to serve to be a Christian, but the Bible does indicate that Christians serve!

What does the Bible say about Rest?

"And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation."

Genesis 2:2-3 (ESV)

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

Exodus 20:8-11 (ESV)

Rest in Pathways

"There remains, then, a Sabbath rest for the people of God for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his."

Hebrews 4:9,10 (NIV)

What does Rest look like?

- Claiming your Sabbath and guarding it
- Carving out moments of rest throughout the day!