

NOTES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SELFLESSNESS TAKES SOUL

SERMON SUMMARY

This sermon teaches that true selflessness flows from an identity rooted in God rather than in achievement, possessions, or success. Using the parable of the Good Samaritan, it challenges the church to recognize that the way we spend our time and money reveals what is shaping our souls, and that becoming more like Jesus means giving both sacrificially for the sake of others.

KEY POINTS

- God is the "soul" proprietor of your identity.
 - Our identity isn't something we manufacture—it is something we receive from God. When we build our lives on anything else, we ultimately come up empty.
- Selfless people make time for others.
 - The Good Samaritan interrupted his schedule to care for someone in need, reminding us that compassion isn't just noticing suffering—it's allowing someone else's need to rearrange our priorities.
- Selfless people give sacrificially.
 - The Samaritan didn't simply give what was convenient; he gave generously and left the door open to give even more. Our generosity reveals where our hearts truly are.
- Time and money reveal what is shaping your soul.
 - How we spend our calendars and our finances are "receipts" of our identity. They expose what we truly value and who we are becoming.
- Following Jesus means giving both your time and your treasure.
 - Jesus calls His followers to deny themselves, take up their cross, and become people who serve generously because He first gave everything for us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **What stood out to you most about the connection between your identity ("soul") and the way you spend your time and money?**

2. **Which is more difficult for you to give away right now—your time or your resources? Why?**
3. **Have you ever experienced someone who interrupted their schedule to help you? How did that impact you?**
4. **What are some things that compete with God for your identity and affection?**
5. **What's one practical way you can "Be Hope" this week by serving or giving sacrificially?**