



### **40 Days of Community: Love One Another**

Today's Sermon: *Serve One Another*  
(Mark 10:45 NLT)

The SERVICE sector makes up nearly 80% of the U. S. economy. The service sector produces intangible goods, in other words, the product is a SERVICE rather than something PHYSICAL. If the Church as depicted in the New Testament was an economy, it would be a 100% service sector economy. The founder of the New Testament Church, Jesus, said of Himself, "I came not to be served, but to serve others." Immediately prior to His final meal, Jesus became the servant of the dinner guests by washing their feet; and, as He finished up, He said, "I have given you an example to follow. " Do as I have done to you."

When speaking of the church, Jesus literally said, "I will build my CONGREGATION OF PEOPLE and death will not defeat it." Jesus builds His Congregation of People in size and strength as we follow His example and SERVE one another. SERVING is the strength of the church. In this teaching, you will be challenged to SERVE.

If you are serving, KEEP serving.

If you have stopped serving, commit to re ENGAGE.

If you have never served, there is no time like NOW to begin.

- SERVE
- SERVICE
- SERVE-US

*"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus*  
**Mark 10:45 NLT**

*"I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you." Jesus*  
**John 13:15 NLT**

*I will build My church, and the forces of Hades will not overpower it.*  
**Matt 16:18 HCSB**

**Church** - ekklēsia - assembly of people (followers of Jesus)

*10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 11 Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.*

**1 Peter 4:10 & 11 NLT**

## SERVE:

- CELEBRATE HOPE IN WORSHIP
- CULTIVATE GROWTH IN GROUP
- CARE THROUGH SERVING

**WE will AMPLIFY Hope by Connecting Others to Life in Christ!**



**Reflect:** Do you agree or disagree with the statement: "If the Church as depicted in the New Testament was an economy, it would be a 100% service sector economy." Explain.

### Discussion:

- **Read** Mark 10:35-45. Do you identify with James and John in their desire for the "place of honor" or the ten who were "indignant" with James and John? Maybe you do NOT identify with either group. Explain your response.
- **Read** John 13:1-17. Jesus, the Creator of the universe, took the position of a household servant when he washed His disciples feet. He challenged His followers to follow His example of service. How are you following the example of Jesus? Why is it so easy to move from a posture of SERVICE to SERVE-US/ME?

**Assignment:** *List* some of the "gifts" God has given you from His "great variety of spiritual gifts." How are you using your gifts well to serve others?

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