

Serve

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I. Introduction

A. The vision of Calvary Church is Life Change.

B. Life Change happens when we Connect, Grow and Serve together.

II. What Does It Mean To Serve?

1. Make Great Music

A. If you make great music, people will listen to the lyrics.

Acts 2:47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Proverbs 3:3-4 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

- Favor follows the faithful.

1 Peter 2:12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

B. Good deeds show God's glory.

Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

C. Good deeds change lives.

- Make great music and people will sing along.

2. Do Something.

Acts 2:44-45 All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

A. When you can do something, you should do something.

- You can't do everything.

B. What does God want you to do?

1 John 3:16-18 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1. God's love for us becomes God's love through us.

Ephesians 4:28 Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

2. Christians stop taking and start giving.

3. Be Blessed By Blessing.

Proverbs 11:25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.

A. Blessing is not our motive, but it is our reward.

- Don't stop serving just because you don't feel like serving.

B. Making a better world makes a better me.

Isaiah 58:9-12 "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."

- I see God the most when I look at myself the least.