

Serve
Galatians 5:13-14

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Main Idea: Love ought to compel us to serve.

According to research, people give several primary reasons that they do not serve in their church. Some of the reasons include: people not understanding their gifts and talents, not feeling qualified, time constraints and past experiences. The leadership and staff at Grace Community Church understand these things and want you to know that you are appreciated and capable! We cannot “fix” negative experiences in your past, but we can assure you that we are committed to making your service meaningful, enjoyable and as simple as possible.

Everyone has natural skills in various areas. Followers of Jesus also have gifts from God that help each of us contribute to the church and sometimes our skills and gifts overlap. One of the best ways to learn about your skills and gifts is to put them to use. It may be that to discover the best ways for you to serve, you need to start serving so that the natural areas become obvious.

Qualifications and time are something we do well to work within. Regarding time, we try diligently to set volunteer service up so that someone only has to commit to one weekend a month. This allows for everyone to serve, participate in worship with their families and have the flexibility to travel and do things that they enjoy. Likewise, we work to make sure that everyone has what they need to be effective in serving. We will not set you up to serve as a teacher in KidsJAM or Gravity and not provide you with what you need to be successful. The same is true for any area of service in the church.

The bottom line is, we want you to experience the blessing of serving God and others. We want to make it simple and as convenient as possible. All we need now is you!

If you are interested in serving here, the communication card on this program is one of the best tools to use. Fill it out and let us know so that we can get you plugged into what God is doing in our community.

To the Book:

Read Galatians 5:13 – Freedom in Christ is important! It is not something to be abused though. Using freedom to show the world how sideways we can get isn’t the intent. Paul explains that instead, we should willingly set aside our self-seeking ideas for the greater good of others. The motivation for this kind of service is simple: love.

Read v. 14 – Love is a better motivation than any other way that exists. When we see our need for Christ and His love for us, reciprocated love is the natural response as part of our worship. Rather than seeking ourselves, we follow Christ’s example of love. This is a means by which others come to experience Christ’s love and it shows our intention to follow Him better than any other action we could take.

Family Night Big Idea: We all have ways in which we can contribute to God’s mission in our community!

Read: 1 Peter 4:10 – God wants us to take part in what He is doing. He gives us skills to make it possible.

Elementary School: Ask, “What is something you might be good at that can be helpful to others?”

Middle/High School: Ask, “Why is it better to help others with our skills than to only help ourselves?”

Pray: “Lord, help us get on board with what you are doing around us. Thank you for creating us with talents that make us better helpers. Let us see ways to help our neighbors. Amen.”

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: We will meet this Wednesday, May 28th.

Whitewater trip is June 22-26. Sign up online.

Gravity: No Gravity. Will resume in August.

New Series “The Story”

Starts next Sunday. Learn about the first 5 books of the Bible.

Baptism is June 15

Use the Communication Card if you are interested.

Kenya Mission Trip is June 5-15.

Summer Camp “Ohana”

Camp begins June 9 at 9am. If you would like to donate snack items, check out GCC KidsJAM Amazon list or scan Bar Code at the Welcome Desk. We need people to make cupcakes.

GCC 101

Our next membership class is Sunday, June 29th. If you are interested in joining GCC, join us after the 11:00 service in the Community Room. A light lunch is served, and childcare can be provided if you let us know. Sign up in the lobby.