

Big idea: We have been created to serve.

Ephesians 2:8–10 (NIV) – For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Why serve?

John 13:1–5 – Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that His hour had come to leave this world and return to His Father. He had loved His disciples during His ministry on earth, and now He loved them to the very end. It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had given Him authority over everything and that He had come from God and would return to God. So He got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around His waist, and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel He had around him.

1. Through serving we fully demonstrate the love of God to others.
(John 13:12, 14, 16)
2. Christ calls us to follow His example.
(John 13:15)
3. There’s always a blessing when we follow Christ’s command.
(John 13:17)

What keeps us from serving?

1. You think, “I don’t have time.”
Reality: We get too busy.
(Ecclesiastes 1:2–3; 12:13–14)
 2. You think, “The church doesn’t need me.”
Reality: The church is a body where each part has an important role and depends on one another.
(1 Corinthians 12)
 3. You think, “I have nothing to offer.”
Reality: Every Christian has been entrusted with a gift.
(1 Peter 4:10–11)
- Spiritual gift inventory: www.giftstest.com
 - Personality test: www.16personalities.com

STEP THREE: EQUIPPED (FINDING PURPOSE THROUGH SERVING)

How should we serve?

1. Sacrificially
(Mark 14:8)
2. Joyfully
(Psalm 100:3)
3. Wholeheartedly
(1 Corinthians 15:58)
4. For God's glory
The primary goal is to exalt God and His work around us.
(Matthew 5:16; John 17:4)

Coming soon:

1. **Connect:** Use the QR code to connect with DRC and to sign up for text updates.
2. **Good News Club:** If you're interested in serving kids in our community, join us for an info meeting this Tuesday, September 22, at 6:00 pm.
3. **Baptisms:** If you're ready to go public with your faith, sign up for our next baptisms on Sunday, September 27.
4. **DRC 201:** DRC 201 introduces you to all the ministries and leadership of DRC and how you can get involved. If you're ready to get connected, use the QR code to sign up today for DRC 201: September 27 at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be provided, and childcare is available.
5. **Community Fall Festival:** Sign up today to help us love our community on Friday, October 2, 5:00–8:00 pm: inflatables, games, crafts, food stations, and so much more. This is a free event. Use the QR code to volunteer.

