

Outline — Week 4: Serving

Big Idea

Jesus came not to be served but to serve, and He calls us to follow His example. Serving is a spiritual discipline in which we use our God-given gifts, time, and energy to love others in Jesus' name. When we serve—especially the least and the overlooked—we serve Christ Himself, and our service becomes an act of worship.

Scripture (KJV)

- Mark 10:45; Galatians 5:13; 1 Peter 4:10; Matthew 25:40; Philippians 2:3–4; Romans 12:10–11; Colossians 3:23–24.

Discover

- Jesus, the Son of God, came to serve and gave His life as a ransom. He modeled humble, sacrificial service and calls us to do the same.
- True greatness in God's kingdom is not about status or recognition but about serving others with love and humility.

Learn

- We are called to serve one another in love, not out of duty or pride (Galatians 5:13).
- God has given each believer spiritual gifts to be used as good stewards of His grace (1 Peter 4:10).
- Our service is ultimately unto the Lord, not unto people; we serve heartily, knowing Christ sees and rewards (Colossians 3:23–24).
- When we serve "the least of these," we serve Jesus Himself (Matthew 25:40).

Apply

- Ask: "Where is God calling me to serve this week?" (church, family, workplace, neighborhood, mercy ministry).
- Identify your spiritual gifts and find one way to use them to serve others this week.
- Serve with joy and humility, remembering that your audience is Christ, not people.
- Look for opportunities to serve those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or in need.

Discussion

- How does Jesus' example of service challenge your view of greatness and success?
- What spiritual gifts has God given you, and how are you currently using them to serve others?
- Where do you struggle most with serving—pride, busyness, fear, or lack of opportunity?
- What is one specific act of service you will commit to this week?

Memory Verse

- Mark 10:45 (KJV) or Colossians 3:23 (KJV)