



Week 3
Immeasurably MORE- "Serving"

INTRODUCTION

How many of you love to eat out? I mean we don't have to take time gathering ingredients, preparing/cooking food, and best of all we don't have to clean up once we eat! Plus, it's nice to have drinks automatically filled and plates taken away at a moments notice. Talk about service! It is really a nice feeling when we are being served; it offers a unique insight into a life of royalty.

How often do *YOU* serve people though? No, not necessarily food, but the deeper act of serving others. Too often we want to be served and we forget God has called us to serve others! God sent Jesus to Earth to be the perfect example of what a servant looks like and we should take that example and run with it! We serve out of worship to our Lord and Savior.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

"Volunteering and Serving are different"

1. Do you view volunteering as being different from serving? Explain.
2. What motivates you to serve? To volunteer?

Read Matthew 20:25-28

"Jesus came to serve and not be served"

3. How does greatness come from serving?
4. What is the world's view on greatness?

"We Serve out of Need"

5. Why does *need* motivate people?
6. When was the last time you served someone out of need?
7. Do you think Jesus serves us out of need?

"We Serve out of Vision"

8. Have you been moved to serve because you identify yourself with a particular vision? Explain.
9. Do you think it is better to pursue a purpose over a position? Explain.
10. What do you see as God's vision for your life?

“We Serve out of Worship”

11. Why is worship the most important form of service to the Lord?
12. Do you view serving as a form of worship? Explain.

ACTION STEP

For your action step this week, make an effort to identify ways that you can serve in your community. We are called to be spiritual contributors, not spiritual consumers! Start a physical list this week of how you are currently serving in the community. Should you desire to find additional avenues to serve, start a second list of potential serving opportunities that you would like to try! If you come up short on ideas, reach out to your local Pursuit volunteer or staff-member to help build your list. But don't forget it is easy to serve with the wrong motivation. Once you have created your lists of serving opportunities, spend time in prayer. Seek God and ask Him for guidance so that your acts of service align with HIS vision. Then get out there and start serving!

Take Next Steps + Pray Together + Take Care of Each Other = Community Groups!