

Living Like Jesus | Week 5

Introduction

Welcome to groups! Small Group is one of the ways we train to follow Jesus; stick with it!

You're never more like Jesus than when you serve. It is the very essence of what it means to follow him. The more we train in serving the more we understand the heart of our Savior. Serving is not so much about filling a spot at church as it is about living the Jesus way of life. Jesus serves because of who he is and serving is the essence of love. You're never more mature than when you give and when you serve.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

1. For those who have ever worked in the service industry, what was one time you completely blew it?
2. Share an example of a time when someone served you. How did that impact your life?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What caught your attention, challenged, or impacted you from this weekend's message?

[Watch the Video](#) (5 minutes)

Group Discussion (25 minutes)

1. When was a time you were rewarded by serving?
2. Read [Luke 9:23](#)
To take up your cross means to die to yourself. What does this look like for you as you follow Jesus?
3. Read [Luke 10:25-37](#)
 - a. What did you find interesting about the passage?
 - b. In what ways did the Samaritan live out Luke 9:23?
 - c. What are some ways you serve others even though it's costly to you?
4. Read [Mark 10:45](#) and [John 13:1-17](#)
In the above passages, Jesus talked about the importance of serving others. The night before he died on the cross, he modeled serving for his disciples.
 - a. In each example of serving others, there is a tangible cost. What did it cost Jesus to wash the disciples' feet?

5. Spend a few minutes in your group figuring out how you can practically serve someone you care about this week.
 - a. Spend a few minutes in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to show you someone He wants you to serve. Start with “Come Holy Spirit and wait until He brings someone to your attention.
 - b. Share with your group who you will serve this week and how you will do it.

Prayer (5 minutes)

Take some time to pray over the service opportunities group members shared and ask God to give members the courage to follow through. Encourage group members to reach out when they serve and let everyone know how it goes.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- We have many opportunities to serve at Sun Valley and in our communities. To find serving opportunities at Sun Valley check out serve.sv.cc and for opportunities to serve your community go to wecare.sv.cc.
- Our baptism weekend is February 22/23 and it is a great opportunity to show everyone you follow Jesus. Baptism is an outward expression of the inward change that occurs when we say YES to Jesus. If you've said YES to Jesus but haven't yet been baptized, it will be a wonderful opportunity for you to celebrate with your group members at our baptism weekend. To register go to baptism.sv.cc.