

SERVANTHOOD

Servant defined: One that serves others (Webster's)

Hood defined: Your surrounding area, community or space of influence (KSarge's)

The 5 Ws and a H to Servanthood! Who, What, Where, When, Why and How.

I. Who

A. Everyone - (I. Corinthians 9:19)

1. Family
2. Local Assembly - Church/Ministries
3. Community or Neighborhood
4. Strangers
5. Self! Really?

B. Jesus served because it was a reflection of the gospel.

II. What

A. Service Types Examples

1. Acts of kindness
2. See a need, meet a need (Don't overthink it)
3. Tithing/Offering/Financial Gift
4. Your Gifting & Interests - Gardening, Medical Advocacy, Creativity, Singing
5. Your presence

III. Where

A. Everywhere - God didn't place you in a box.

1. Start Simple - neighborhood, friends, co-workers, local assembly
2. Where can we serve that we haven't served before?

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IV. When

- A. Always - Must maintain a "no matter what" attitude
 - 1. Serve even when we feel they don't deserve it - (Ephesians 2:8)
 - 2. Never say "we don't have time to serve". We don't have time NOT to serve.
 - a) *If we have time to complain or gossip, we have time to serve.*
- B. Secret Power - Servanthood isn't about who knows what we have done. It is about the success of our efforts that matter, even when done in private. It is better for God to reveal us, than for us to reveal ourselves.
- C. Through the pain - Jesus knew He was going to be tortured, yet He still served. We can't serve based on how we are served by others, but how we are served by Jesus.
- D. There isn't a cap on service - It ends when the trumpet sounds. There is no end to service, only a beginning. Time to get active!

V. Why

- A. It leads people to God - (Ephesians 2:10)
 - 1. Prepared in advance for us to do - "Good works" in this passage is defined as "service".
- B. Because we were gifted to serve - (I. Peter 4:10)
 - 1. He didn't place the ability to serve inside of us for it to be dormant or dead. (pulse check) - Is your service pulse beating rapidly or barely detectible?
- C. Because we have a longing/desire for it
 - 1. God allows us to experience a feeling when we serve that isn't like any other feeling.
 - 2. We know how to serve b/c we were born into service.
- D. The Kingdom is the benefactor of our service - Salvations through serving.

Discussion: Who reaps the benefits of your service at your place of employment and why?

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VI. How

- A. In the same manner that you would want served. - (1. Peter 4: 8-9)
 - 1. Don't give people a sponge on a stick type service. Give them pure water, His water that is flowing through you. (John 19: 28-29)

- B. Freely - (Romans 7:6)
 - 1. Freely Defined: without restriction or interference, in generous amounts (Webster's)
 - 2. Don't wait on people to ask or tell us where we can serve, that thought process is one of an enslaved mind. Jesus said so, isn't that all we need to know.

- C. Don't be afraid to get a little dirty: Are we willing to serve people when they are a little dirty or a little messy. Jesus went to the dirty places!

- D. With wisdom and discernment through the Spirit of God (Philippians 3:3)
 - 1. Can reaffirm God's love, can encourage the broken.
 - 2. Your service should be in alignment with God - this will ensure you don't become depleted.

- E. Consistently - Don't wait until the circumstances are perfect for serving. Get started and continue the work until the coming of Christ. Work/Serve while it is day.

- F. Humbly w/ an attitude of gratitude - (Galatians 5:13, Philippians 2:14-16)
 - 1. When we understand the power and effectiveness of our service to others our attitude will become one of gratitude.

NOTE: Some of our most blessed moments of serving comes from us serving out of our own need!

Quote: "The only thing you can take to heaven is other people". -unknown
Where is your crew? Who do you want to take with you?