

Spiritual Practices—Service

Community Discussion—

1. Read **John 13:1-17**. What do we learn from Jesus as he modeled service to others?
2. Share about an experience where others served you. How did that affect you —emotionally, spiritually, physically?
3. Is there a time where you “served” others for your own benefit? As an act of confession, tell your group about it.
4. **Read Galatians 5:13**. Take a moment to share any personal needs you have in which the group could come alongside you and serve you in love.
5. **Read 1 Peter 4:10**. Jot down a few ways God has gifted, wired, convicted, and shaped you that could be used to serve others.

Share with your group.

6. **Read 1 John 3:17**. Brainstorm and share any needs in your families, church, or communities that you, as a group, could practically meet.
Make a plan to meet that need together.

- Close with a time of prayer, asking God to meet your needs and use you to help meet the needs of others.

Personal Practice—

1. Begin your morning in prayer, asking God to open your eyes to see the needs of those around you and to deepen your compassion for others. Let this be how you start your morning every day this week (*see prayer example on the next page*).
2. Consider ways you can serve those you interact with on a daily basis (friends, family, coworkers). Keep a journal (*see next page*) of ways you serve others and ask God to use it to encourage them and show them the Love of Christ.
3. Make a plan to serve someone you know that is hard to love. Think of one thing you can do for them that would meet a need or bless them. Then, with God’s help, do it.

Compassion Prayer

Jesus, give me your heart today. I want to see others like you see them. Don't let me turn my eyes away from the needs around me. Rather, draw my heart and eyes to those needs. Show me how your Spirit wants to use me and work through me to help others practically and lovingly. By your Spirit, give me the compassion to be moved and the wisdom to be impactful for your glory and others' good.

Serving Journal

Use this space to write down any opportunities you have to serve others, to thank God for using you as a blessing, and to pray for those you were able to serve.

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