

Spiritual Practices—Service

Leader's Tips—

Key Idea: Our service is a powerful testimony to the love and life-changing power of God. As we look to Jesus as our model, He leads us in practical and impactful ways to serve others. These ways are not always convenient, do not always fit in our schedules, and do not always feel good. That's why it's called service.

As leaders, think of how you as a group could practically serve those you know, especially not-yet-followers of Jesus. As your group answers question 6 from the discussion, be willing to plan an additional time to meet to serve others, or maybe cancel the next weeks normal study time and use that time to serve others.

To Prepare: Remember and journal about all the ways Jesus has served you. Consider the ways he has met your needs—spiritually and physically. Take some time to thank and praise Jesus for them. As the Spirit leads, share your experience with your group to encourage them.

Review the following verses:

John 13:1-17

Psalms 2:11

Matthew 25:31-46

Matthew 20:28

Additional Resources—

Love Does by Bob Goff

The Hole in Our Gospel by Richard Stearns

When Helping Hurts by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

Let Justice Roll Down by John M. Perkins