

Week 8 | May 27 Sermon

Community:

This week, get to know each other in a fun way. We do a lot of questions and a lot of talking in GROUP. Sometimes just being together is just as good a way to get to know one another. If your group is drawn to the question "games," you may certainly borrow one of my Thumb Balls. I will leave my basket of them at The Welcome Center for easy pickup throughout the week. If simply playing together sounds good, grab out one of your favorite games that you can play within the amount of time you normally allot for Community . Some suggestions include:

- UNO
- Apples to Apples
- Sequence in teams
- Headz Up (You can get an app version of this super cheap & then you always have it!)
- Telestrations (You really don't need the actual game, just paper and pens. Don't know how to play?
 Ask me and I'll send instructions. It's hilarious!)

Enjoy some play time together! I am a firm believer that the group that plays together stays together!



SERVE

Mark 10:35-45

Just as Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve, we are called to serve others.

Pray and ask God to show you who he is sending you to serve this week.

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Jesus teaches that carrying our cross daily, following him and serving others was the cost for true discipleship. Like the disciples, we struggle to understand this. What is God teaching you about his kingdom that you might have previously misunderstood, not fully recognized or simply ignored?

How would you define "greatness"? - Read Mark 10:43-44 - After reading this passage how is God calling you to redefine what it means to be 'great' and 'first'?

In what ways do you need to repent of being like James and John in striving for attention, recognition and status (ie glory) instead of humbly serving?

Christian 'service' can be synonymous with 'justice' in the Bible. The two primary words Hebrew words for 'justice' are:

Misphat - punishing wrongdoers; giving people their human rights

Tzadeqah - living a life of right relationships, with God and others

How is God calling you to serve through misphat & tzadegah?

As we seek to live out the Greatest Commandment (Matt. 22:36-40), what is it that you love most about God and how does that impact your call to serve?

AUDITORIUM: Roger De Waard

Describe a time when someone served you. How did you feel? Was it uncomfortable to be on the receiving end? If so, why?

Describe a time when you served someone else. How did you feel? Was it uncomfortable to serve someone else? If so, why?

Do you believe it's important for us to serve others? If so, why? If not, why not?

What ways can you think of to serve others? Write down all the ways you and your group come up with so you can take it with you.

Do you believe God is calling you to serve someone specifically? Is it someone close to you? Is it someone who might be hard to serve? Write down who this person is and pray about how God might be inviting you to serve them. (Only share the answers to these questions with your group if you are comfortable doing so, if not, just write down your answers for your own benefit).

What prevents you from serving others?



Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. **Hebrews 10:24-25**