

a) God wants us to serve others in simple ways inside and outside the church. List the specific actions Jesus mentions in Matthew 25:31-46.

- What are other simple ways we can serve others?
- Why does God want us to serve in simple ways?

b) It's been said we should serve and give for the sake of serving and giving. True service is with no strings attached.

- What was the attitude of the people in verse 44?
- How about verse 37?
- What do you think it means to be generous?

c) When we serve or give to others, Jesus says we are serving and giving to Him.

- What point is Jesus making in verse 40?
- Have you ever felt as though by helping another person you were in reality helping Jesus? If yes, when and how?

Congratulations! You're Gifted

Acts 6:1-7

Gifts – Gifts – and More Gifts

Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Ephesians 4:11-12

The Choosing of the Seven

Acts 6:1-7

As a Spirit-filled follower of Christ, why should you serve?

1. Because you were created to do good works.
Ephesians 2:8-10; Acts 6:2-3
2. Because you are commanded to serve.
1 Peter 4:10

Taking It Home – Prayer

- Thank God for those serving at Grace Hills.
- Like in Acts 6:7, pray that the Gospel would spread as a result of fellow believers serving at Grace Hills.

3. Because you have God's Word to equip you.
2 Timothy 3:16-17; Acts 6:4

4. Because you have believers to encourage you.
Hebrews 10:24; Acts 6:5-6

Because you're gifted you can make a difference for Christ by serving others

1. This happened at the church in Jerusalem.
Acts 6:7
2. This is happening today at Grace Hills.

When you serve,

1. Our church will be blessed.
Acts 2:42-47
2. You will grow spiritually and relationally.
1 Corinthians 3:6-9
3. Christ will be glorified.
1 Peter 4:11

So... How will you respond?

Sermon Based Bible Study

Week of March 17, 2019

From Sunday's message...

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you or raised a question?

Getting Connected

1. How have you been blessed by someone serving at Grace Hills? How is your life different because of their service?
2. In what ways have you served at Grace Hills in the past? In what ways are you serving now? How is your life different as a result of serving others?
3. What was your response to the Volunteer Response Card from Sunday's service? Why did you respond this way? How can your group support you through prayer?

Going Further – Growing in Christ

1. Review our March Bible verse: Philippians 1:21 – *“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”*
2. Missionary of the Week: This week pray for the Orange County Rescue Mission as they meet physical needs and share Christ in our community.
3. In Matthew 25, Jesus tells three parables to help us understand what it means to be ready for His imminent return. Read Matthew 25:31-46 and then answer the following questions.