

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Gift of Service

Passage: Romans 12:7a -- "If service, in our serving." See also 1 Cor. 12:28 and the gift of helps.

Introduction: John talked this week about the gift of serving and the impact it has on the church. He noted that serving is an unsung role, but one that is essential to the flourishing of the church. He called everyone to think about how they can serve as a part of Redeemer and encouraged those with the gift of serving to use it joyfully.

Additional passages: Matt 23:11-12; Mark 9:35; John 13:1-17; Philippians 2:1-11; Hebrews 6:10, 1 Peter 4:10-11.

Questions:

1. John noted the Old Testament example of Nehemiah and a crew of people that served by rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem. John said we can imagine the spirit of camaraderie that must have permeated that group.
 - When have you been a part of a team of people serving within the church?
 - What stands out about that experience?
2. Christ's life was one of perfect service, culminating with His death on the cross.
 - What did Christ's sacrificial act of service on the cross accomplish? How does what Christ accomplished impact why we serve?
3. What reason does 1 Peter 4:11 give for serving in the church?
4. Read John 13:1-17 and Philippians 2:1-11.
 - What attitude fosters serving?
 - How does Christ's example of sacrifice encourage and motivate you to serve?
5. When is a time someone in the church has blessed you or others by serving in a Life Group setting? When is a time someone has blessed you outside an official LG setting?
6. How do you think God wants you to serve in the church right now or in the near future?