Life Group Questions

Service in the Church Part 1

Passage: Romans 12:3-13

Introduction: Going into the summer, John asked everyone who calls Redeemer Church home to consider how they can serve in the life of our body. To kick off the ministry year, we will consider what and how to serve in the church. The payoff? More and more joy!
(Cf. Heb 12:2 – Jesus, for the joy set before Him, endured the cross and sat down at the right hand of God).

Additional passages: Matt 23:11-12, John 13:31-35, 1 Cor 15:3-4, Eph 4:1-3, Phil 2:1-4

Questions:

1. **In John's first Family Expectations sermon (Aug. 16; Rom 12:9-10), John noted the biblical call to love is *as you have been loved*. Christ's life displayed perfect, sacrificial love, culminating with His death on the cross (Consider 1 Cor 15:3-4 and John 13:31-35).**
    a. **What did Christ's act of service on the cross accomplish, along with His perfect life and resurrection?**
    b. **What impact does Christ's work have on your identity? On your attitude?**

2. **In Romans 12:3-6a, Paul describes the church as a body. In his first Family Expectations sermon, John said we should view the church as our home. Discuss what the metaphors of body and home communicate for your perspective and engagement at Redeemer.**

3. **Ministries in particular need of servants:**

    - **Children's Ministry—teachers and assistants,**
    - **Life Groups—leaders;**
    - **Sunday Hospitality—guest hosts, greeters, parking lot team.**

    Does the Lord want you to serve in one of these ways?

4. **As you serve, remember all tasks are meant to bless people. Relationships > tasks. Who do you know at Redeemer who needs encouragement? How can you welcome people new to Redeemer in your regular Sunday participation?**

5. **Pride and division are obstacles to healthy relationships and service in the church. How are you prone to pride and how can you cultivate humility? How are you prone to**

harbor bitterness, and how can you pursue reconciliation and unity? (Consider Eph 4:1-3, Phil 2:1-4).

6. **How do you think God wants you to serve in the church right now?**

Relevant Resources for Body Life at Redeemer:

a. **Serve in a ministry of the church: link to learn more.**
b. **Explore membership: Consider Redeemer sign up**
c. **Disciple others: Life Group Leader application**