



Sermon Discussion Questions

May the Word of God SHAPE and MOLD us into the image of Jesus!

CHECK INS: Let's check in with each other; how are we doing folks?

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8.9.26 - SERMON RECAP:

As we look at the local church as a Family On Mission we must consider the distinctive of being 'A Local Serving Presence'. As we are on mission we are called to Carry others Burdens and Welcome others like Christ in our local context. 'A Local Serving Presence' is both serving in the body of Christ and serving outside to those that are lost. Either place of service we are actively serving our King Jesus. May we carry out God's mission as a local serving presence in our own home. Read Acts 1:8- and Romans 15:1-7 together and discuss these questions and truth to transform us!

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Read Ro 15:1-3- A Local Serving Presence is only empowered by Christ how does the idea of being called to serve hit you? How does being connected to Christ change the way we view people around us?
2. Why do you think Paul uses the word "obligation" rather than simply "beckon", "invite" or "suggest"? How does obligation challenge our view of serving others?
3. Ro 15:1-3- In what ways can personal preferences keep us from carrying the burdens of others? Can you think of a recent example where serving someone required you to sacrifice your own comfort, schedule, or desires? Was it hard to serve them?
4. What aspects of Jesus' life and ministry most inspire you to serve others? What aspects are most difficult for you to imitate?
5. Paul wasn't emphasizing that serving is about creating "spiritual freeloaders" but about building people up in Christ. What is the difference? How can we serve people in ways that strengthen and encourage growth?
6. Read Romans 15:4-6. How does God's Word, endurance, encouragement, and unity work together to help believers glorify God?
7. Read John 13:34-35- Why is unity so important to our witness? How have you seen loving service among Christians impact unbelievers?
8. We are challenged in Christ to welcome and serve both saints and sinners. Which group do you find easier to serve? Why? What might God be teaching you through that tendency, and how might we grow in our own weakness?
9. Who has God already placed in your sphere of influence that may need a consistent serving presence? What practical step could you take this week to begin or deepen that relationship?
10. What would change in our church and community if every believer intentionally lived as a Local-Serving Presence this week?

How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?



Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement



Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication

