

Greetings FCN Family,

I am writing my first article for the first *fcnconnect* weekly “mini newsletter”. I hope you enjoy this new format that you will see on a weekly basis on Sunday Mornings and also via email so you will have every opportunity to see all the exciting happenings here at FCN, whether you are present or traveling.

The last part of our new FCN mission statement is “*Serving the World*” and I wanted to share the following thought with you all:

**“Jesus was a called servant of God and we are too...”**

**Mark 10:45** ... “*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*”

When Jesus talks about serving, we should listen to Him. We need to look at the very “life-lived” example that Jesus fleshed out here on earth. Here is the very God of the universe Who came as a Man to serve.

The word He uses for servant is the Greek word “*diakoneō*” which is where we get the name “*deacon*” and *diakoneō* means “to be a servant of, to serve, wait upon, or minister to.” This is what every believer is called to do. Not to be a deacon but to “*be a servant of the members of Christ’s Body, the church.*” Jesus served with His very all, giving His very “life as a ransom for many.”

FCN Family, we are a called out people which translates to us as individuals and as a body of believers to go and “*Serve the World*”. This process begins right here in the local church by finding a ministry to participate in. There is something for everyone. Shake a hand at the door, work the Welcome Center, volunteer in the nursery, join a life group, sweep the sidewalks on Sunday Morning, be an usher, volunteer to work with the tech team on Sunday, the list goes on and on but we have to get to a place within ourselves where we say “I am done doing church, I am going to be the church.” Friends, the way we have “done” church is over, I say let the service begin... Find your place to serve.



Loving you & Lifting you, —PD