

Foundations

Service Retooled

Connect Guide January 20 and 21

Take this paper and take the sermon home with you. Reflect on the passage and discussion questions. Consider how to apply the message to your life. Study alone or gather a group. This guide will enrich and encourage you on your path to discipleship and deepen your relationship with God

Scripture

Matthew 22: 37-38 ... *Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment.*

Prayer

God, we confess following Jesus isn't easy. We want to trust in you and build our foundation on the Truth that never fails. Help us to stay true to you God and read and know the Bible. Show us how and empower us now to serve you more effectively and efficiently. Help us to love those who don't know you and lead them to you. In Jesus Name. Amen.



Discuss

1. Week three of the sermon series based on building solid Biblical principles of the early Methodist Movement into our lives; lands us on the topic of SERVICE. John Wesley had a primary belief and frequently preached about personal holiness. He taught that a life centered in Jesus is different, changed and re-formed according to God's word. Define personal holiness and service in your own words.
2. We are called in to service by virtue of being a Christ follower. Do you feel called? Have you ever felt nudged or passionate about serving another in Christ's name? Tell about a time you served or were served by another in Christ's name.
3. What motivates you to go and serve in Jesus' Name? Do you feel as though God and the church are sending you out? Almost always in the Bible and throughout history, people have gone out with at least one other person in service. Do you need someone to go with you? Pray for a ministry partner.
4. Overflowing love. Holy Spirit leading. Atmosphere of change. How do each of these play an important role in service? Which of these do you need most in order to retool your service?
5. What about the scripture encourages you to serve? How does your service need to be retooled?

Apply

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