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Welcome:

Welcome to the Discipleship Collective '26

The Discipleship Collective is a shared invitation from Hope Covenant Church to intentionally grow as whole people—formed in heart, soul, mind, and strength. Each pathway offers a focused season of discipleship, inviting you to slow down, lean in, and engage practices that shape us more fully into the life God desires for us.

While each pathway explores a unique area of growth, they all share the same purpose: to create space for transformation through intentional rhythms, meaningful reflection, and a supportive community. Whether this is your first step or your next step, we're glad you're here.

We pray this season draws you closer to God, deepens your faith, and equips you to live out your calling with clarity and joy.

Before you begin:

- **Watch:** Bible Project Video: ["The Last Will be First."](#)
 - Pay attention to the way power is leveraged for good.
- **Read Scripture:** As we consider the pathway of service, take a look at these two important passages about Jesus' heart to serve.
 - **Philippians 2:5-11** In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature[a] God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature[b] of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:5-11



Action: I (Keith Krueger) have a tendency to try and do things myself. Because of that God is teaching me to involve others in my journey to be more like Jesus in this area of service. So I want to invite you into a conversation. This can take any format you prefer: email (bkkruueg@gmail.com), text ((320) 224-4438), phone call or in person. A conversation about current needs (I hear about a lot of them) and how your time, talent, gifts and abilities along with your passions can meet these needs. This can be a one time conversation to try it out or an ongoing journey.

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Avenue 1/ Week 1

Serving at Home

Getting Started: You are all servants already. You serve here at church, you serve at home to your family, you serve others at work or your neighbors or friends, some of you even serve complete strangers in your community. Is Jesus calling you to improve your serve? This may not mean doing more things (although it could), it may mean improving your attitude around serving to be more Christ-like. Humbly with love using what God has given you (time, talent, gifts and abilities), to meet the deep needs of others.

"Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 NASB.

WEEK 1: will focus on serving at home, serving your spouse, children, siblings, parents or roommates. Do your usual and then add one more; cleaning toilets, vacuuming, dishes, taking the trash out or doing laundry, for example. You can still serve these people even if they no longer live with you.

Day 1: Read Galatians 5:13

Almighty God, I thank you for the freedom you have given me, help me to use that freedom to serve others humbly in love. Amen

Day 2: Read Matthew 20:28

Jesus, you came to give your life for me and to serve, help me to follow your example with those close to me.

Day 3: Read Colossians 3:23,24

Lord Jesus, as I serve, let me remember that I am serving you and to do it with all of my heart. Amen

Day 4: Read Philippians 2:3,4

God, you want me to value others and with humility to see their interests; give me that mind set today.

Day 5: Read 1 John 3:18

Dear Father, give me the actions to serve others, not just words.

Day 6: Read Romans 12:1

God, as part of my worship you want me to use my body as a living sacrifice, help me to understand what that means today.

Day 7: Rest

Avenue 2/ Week 2

Serving at Church

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WEEK 2 will focus on serving at church, serving the staff (Pastor Brian, Olivia, Maria, Jimmy, Abbey and Mischa), or people of Hope. What ministry area or building need can you be of help?

Day 8: Read Romans 12:3-8

God, as we think of how to serve in your body, give us insight into what area you are developing a passion and talent for?

Day 9: Read Galatians 6:9,10

Almighty God, give us your strength so that we do not become weary in doing good.

Day 10: Read Ephesians 2:10

Creator God, you have made us and prepared in advance the good works for us to do today, thank you.

Day 11: Read Philippians 2:5-8

Jesus, give us your mind set of humility as we serve each other.

Day 12: Read Matthew 5:16

Father, let our good works bring glory to you.

Day 13: Read Proverbs 11:25

Almighty God, help us to understand that refreshing others refreshes us.

Day 14: Rest

Avenue 3/ Week 3

Serving in Your Neighborhood/ Circle

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"Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 NASB.

The focus this week is on neighbors, co-workers, friends or acquaintances. Some of these may actually ask for your help, others hope you see their need.

Day 15: Read Proverbs 3:27, 28

God, give us a spirit of wanting to do good and take away our tendency to be hesitant.

Day 16: Read 1 Peter 4:9-11

God, give us hospitable hearts, and serve others with your strength so that you get praise and glory.

Day 17: Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

God, help me to serve others, being sensitive to who they are.

Day 18: Read Galatians 5:14

Loving Heavenly Father, remind me to love my neighbor, co-worker, friends and acquaintances; and to see their need.

Day 19: Read Hebrews 6:10,11

God, give me your diligence as I love those whom you love.

Day 20: Read Ephesians 6:7,8

Lord, give me wholeheartedness in my serving as that is what you want.

Day 21: Rest

Avenue 4/ Week 4

Serving at the Local/ Global Level

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WEEK 4:

The focus this week is on community. This can be a local or global community. It may involve learning so our serving will actually meet the real needs.

Learning Examples:

- Contacting a representative of Terebinth Refuge to discuss current needs. ([Click HERE](#))
- McCauleys in Austria with Greater European Ministries. ([Click HERE](#))
- Serve Globally of the Evangelical Covenant Church. ([Click HERE](#))



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Refuge](#)



[McCauleys](#)



[Serve
Globally](#)

Serving Examples:

- Sign up to serve meals at Place of Hope. ([Click HERE](#))
- Pack meals with Feed my Starving Children. ([Click HERE](#))
- Asking Arrive Ministries what you can do. ([Click HERE](#))
- Getting involved with the People to People Ministry at Hope Covenant. ([Click HERE](#))



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Day 22: Isaiah 58:6,7

Lord, help us understand the burden others are experiencing as we serve them.

Day 23: Matthew 25:37-40

Lord, give us hearts for the least of these.

Day 24: Matthew 6:1-4

Father, help us as we serve to do so without needing recognition.

Day 25: I Corinthians 12:4-7

God, help us use the gifts you have given to serve others.

Day 26: James 1:27

Father, give us a heart for the orphan and widows and to look after them.

Day 27: Micah 6:8

Lord, as we serve others, give us a humble heart.

Day 28: Rest

Next Steps: These last two days, I want you to know God is “forming” you and I into His servants. We are on a journey and I would enjoy your company on this journey. If this is an area to which you feel called, I would invite you to join me to outline next steps. It may include serving together on a regular (weekly, monthly or occasional) basis. We will learn and encourage each other as we serve side by side

Day 29: John 13:12-17

Jesus, thank you for your example of humbly serving; now help us to serve with your strength and humility.

Day 30: Luke 6:27-36

Most High, you call us to serve all, including those who are hardest to serve, those who hate us, our enemies. Give us your mercy so that we can do good to those who hate us, as you are kind to the ungrateful and wicked.