

Servants 2 - Church & One Another

Weekly Discussion & Journal Guide

Some Notes About Service

Last week we talked about serving the world around us - our physical neighbors, our co-workers/classmates, and the poor and needy. This week, we'll focus more on what it looks like to serve inside of the church.

To be clear up front, the purpose of service inside the church is so that we can better serve the world around us. If we only ever serve ourselves, it will not be a church that is following Jesus.

One way we are called to serve within the church (and something we do well at Park Church), is follow the "one anothers" - the verses in the New Testament that tell us how we ought to live with one another. (Here is a list:

http://storage.cloversites.com/wakarusamissionarychurch/documents/59one_another_scriptures.pdf). The "one anothers" are ways that we are called to serve one another.

The other way we are called to serve within the church is to be a part of the work that goes on. This could be setting up on Sundays, children's ministry, middle school / high school groups, young adults, greeting, setting up coffee, clean up, running events, decorating the building, and many more opportunities. The point of all of these ways to serve is to help create a space and opportunities for people to come to follow Christ.

When we serve one another well within our church, we are providing a glimpse (even if imperfectly) of what life is supposed to look like. The church is like a family of people who serve one another so well that other people want to be a part of that family. This family uses what God has provided them so that no one is in need.

In your groups this week, talk through some of the ways that you have been served by others in your group (or in our church).

Questions

1. What are some ways you have been served by other people in this group?
2. How can we make sure that all of the people in our group has what they need?
3. How are we created to serve?
4. How does Jesus serve us?
5. What are some ways that we serve one another?
6. What would change in your life if you lived more like a servant?
7. How have we failed one another in serving each other?
8. Do you serve within the church? Why or why not?
9. What ways do you feel called to serve within the church body?
10. How does serving each other help us to serve the world around us better?
11. How do you figure out what service you are supposed to do?
12. How can we respond to the nudging from the Holy Spirit better to serve others?

Additional Reading

John 3:14-16, Acts 4:32-37

<http://parkchurchnj.com/2018/05/30/one-another-one-another/>

Text Group Prompts

1. Continue to text each other about the people who you've been called to invest in relationships with.

Daily Readings

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ephesians 1	Ephesians 2	Ephesians 3	Ephesians 4	Ephesians 5	Ephesians 6