

5. Who has been a positive role model in your life about serving, and what did they they teach you?

6. Look at Paul's words from Philippians 2 on the front of this guide, what catches your attention?

7. Is there a particular part of your life where Paul's words are timely?

8. Looking back over this week's sermon, reading and study, what is one thing that is crucial for you to remember and apply?

SERIES: Connect

SERMON: A Practice-able Theology of Serving: Made to Serve

TEXT: Philippians 2

DATE: September 26/27, 2015

Philippians 2

So if there is any encouragement in Christ,
any comfort from love,
any participation in the Spirit,
any affection and sympathy,
complete my joy by being of the same mind,
having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Let each of you look not only to his own interests,
but also to the interests of others.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,
but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

What is God's Spirit Saying?

Words that mean the same as serving

Synonym (same)

Antonym (different)

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

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1. Looking back over your notes from this week’s sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Where outside of your own family are you serving right now?
3. Serving always challenges the selfish part in us, what part of serving is difficult for you?
4. How do you see in your own life the struggle that goes on between being selfish and being selfless? (Consider asking a trusted friend how they view your struggle.)