

Build Up Community with Service

July 30-31, 2016

Introduction: Another way of saying those sweet three words “I love you.”

What is your top love language? _____

What is your lowest love language? _____

Where does the love language of service fall for you?

(Circle one) 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

Service...Not an Easy One to Learn

Jesus was always teaching service:

- Luke 9:48b (NLT) **Whoever is the least among you is the greatest.**
- Luke 22:26 (NLT) **But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant.**
- Mark 9:35 (NIV) **Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.**

(My Notes)

Yet, they just never seemed to get it:

- Luke 22:24 (NIV) **A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be the greatest.**

(My Notes)

Jesus' Response to Our "Slowness"

- John 13:4-5 (NIV) **⁴ so he [Jesus] got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.**
- Mark 10:45 (NLT) **For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

(My Notes)

Our Faith-Driven Service

- Galatians 5:13b (NLT) **...use your freedom to serve one another in love.**

(My Notes)

A Serving Church...Makes a Mark

- Galatians 6:10 **Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.**

(My Notes)

Conclusion: Questions to help you discover where you can serve:

Where do I see people serving? Who do I know who serves? How can I better serve at home? What are the opportunities at work to serve? Where have I served in the past and enjoyed the experience?

G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.



Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

Get each day's GPS downloaded to your computer/phone/etc. by going to this link clcm-gps.com or subscribing through **Feedly.com** (or other RSS Reader) to receive daily updates.

Monday: Read *Luke 9:46-48*. How do the disciples gauge greatness? How does Jesus gauge greatness? What values does Jesus hold up in these verses? What in your every-day life do you see battling against these values that Jesus holds up?

Tuesday: Read *Luke 22:24-27*. Summarize in your own words what this passage teaches about service? What would it mean to apply Jesus' words about service in your family life? Work or school relationships? Use of money?

Wednesday: Read *Luke 7:36-50*. In this passage, Simon failed to exercise "common courtesy" acts of service toward Jesus, his invited guest. What did his action communicate? What are "common courtesy" actions in our society and what does withholding them communicate? The woman turned Simon's omitted courtesies into honoring service, without regard to the cost to her own self. What do you learn from her example?

Thursday: Read *Luke 23:44-49*. Here we have words that describe Jesus' greatest service to us. He offered up his life to death, so that you and I may have eternal life with God. What is the meaning of the darkness and the torn curtain? Describe how Jesus' words were those of a servant. Do you, as God's servant need to pray these words to God?

Friday: Read *Matthew 8:5-13*. A humble spirit is essential to serve. Where in this passage do you see humility? Why is Jesus' offer to go to a centurion's house so remarkable? What does Jesus' offer to the centurion tell us about Jesus' desire to serve? What are obstacles that attempt to keep you from serving?

Saturday: Read *Acts 6:1-7*. How did service show itself in the earliest church? How did the Devil attempt to divide the church through its acts of service? What was the church's response to this conflict? How might the Devil use this same tactic to divide today's church? Pray for unity and service in the church.