



MISSION

SERVING

Objective for Learning: To understand the importance and purpose of serving.

Objective for Living: To build a regular rhythm of serving into your spiritual walk.

Objective for Reproducing: To encourage and lead others to serve and draw near to God through serving Him and His people.

Scriptures for Serving:

- Hebrews 6:10
- Romans 12:6-13
- Matthew 20:27-28
- Joshua 24:24
- 1 Peter 4:10
- 1 Samuel 12:24
- Galatians 5:13
- Romans 7:6

How do each of these Scriptures help to **define** and **illuminate** what accountability is and why it is important?

Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Overview:

Serving, just like fasting, praying daily, and being in community with other believers, is another way to draw closer to God. Whether it is giving to needy, being a father/mother to the orphan, or serving the body of Christ on weekend gatherings, we try to follow Jesus' example of serving others. As Mark 10:45 explains, "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."

Jesus did not come seeking to be served, but instead, He continually served those in the world that rejected Him. Jesus took time throughout His ministry to heal and restore even when He was tired from travel, washed His disciples feet, and ultimately, died on the cross for our sins. No amount of serving will help us reach salvation, but

instead, we serve others because Jesus tells his disciples in John 13:35, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." One way exhibit this love to others is to serve others and care for each other's needs and burdens.

Jesus has given us unique gifts to serve the body, as emphasized in Romans 12, but when we work together as the Church helping others above ourselves, we bring glory due to Jesus' name. We never get more of Jesus than when we are giving Him away!

Questions for Learning and Living:

- If someone asked you why serving is important, what would you tell them?
- What are some of the reasons that serving is essential in our daily lives? What do you see in the Scriptures?
- Discuss what type of serving you want to do. How often? How can you use your gifts to serve others?

Questions for Reproducing:

- What are some strategies and ways to motivate others to serve?
- What are the steps you would need to take to get them on board with serving?
- How do you help to cultivate a passion and consistency of serving in the lives of others?

Doing (Implementation and Application):

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
 - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or reproducing in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.