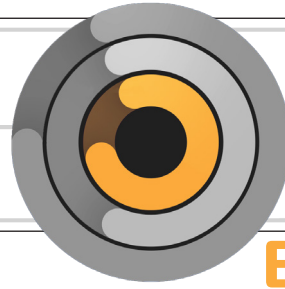




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**BE A DISCIPLE**

# A Disciple Serves

JOHN 13:12-17

*"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." vv. 14-17*

## I. A disciple serves as \_\_\_\_\_.

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1*

Serve others as if you're serving God \_\_\_\_\_.

*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men ... Colossians 3:23*

## II. A disciple serves as \_\_\_\_\_.

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace ... 1 Peter 4:10*

	<p><b>SPIRITUAL GIFTS</b></p>	
	<p>Given by God at the moment of _____</p>	
	<p>Given for the benefit of the body and affirmed in _____</p>	
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Serve others to build up the body of \_\_\_\_\_.

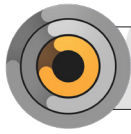
*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

## III. A disciple serves as \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45*

Serve others to point people to \_\_\_\_\_.

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16*



**Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.**

1. Read John 13:12-17. Why would Jesus want His disciples to be servants?
2. Read also Mark 10:42-45 and Matthew 20:25-28. Why does Jesus link serving and leadership? Why is this so important?
3. When and why do you find it difficult to allow others to serve you? Why is it important that Christians learn to accept help from others as much as giving help?
4. Read 2 Timothy 2:3-5 and Philippians 2:3-4. What happens when Christians aren't humble with each other? Why is it so crucial that we live to serve one another in this temporary world the way Jesus did?
5. The pastor noted that serving the Lord is a form of worship. How did this point help you understand where a servant's mindset comes from?
6. Sometimes we must step in and serve simply because there is a need, not because we are looking to match a certain task to our spiritual giftedness. When have you served when there was simply a need, and what did it teach you about serving the Lord?
7. Think about someone you know who has a humble heart and is quick to serve others, no matter how small the task. What would you ask the Lord to change in you so you follow their example?
8. What steps do you want to take to nurture your mindset as a servant? What will need to change?

**RESOURCES ON SERVING**

- The Training of the Twelve* by A. B. Bruce
- How Can I Serve My Church?* by Matthew Emadi
- Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living* by Charles Swindoll
- Crazy Busy: A (Mercifully) Short Book about a (Really) Big Problem* by Kevin DeYoung
- 10 Power Principles for Christian Service* by Warren Wiersbe and David Wiersbe
- The Blessing of Humility* by Jerry Bridges

"To think well about service, we need to think biblically about the church. Simply put, local churches aren't like businesses; they're more like embassies of a great kingdom or a family in the same household. ... As Christians, we are citizens of the kingdom of heaven and local churches on earth are little embassies of that kingdom. In other words, they represent heaven on earth (Matt 16:18-19; Eph 2:19; Phil 3:20). Jesus Christ is the King of heaven's kingdom, and He rules His church through His Word—the Bible (Eph 1:19-23). ... We are citizens, soldiers even, of an otherworldly kingdom in hostile territory (Eph 6:11; 2 Tim 2:3-5). We belong to heaven, even as we live in a foreign land under the sway of an evil spiritual ruler named Satan (In 12:31; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph 2:2). We once lived under his tyranny as enemies of God, but through the gospel, we have been transferred out of his domain and into the kingdom of God's beloved Son (Col 1:13)."

**MATTHEW EMADI** *How Can I Serve My Church?*

"God's goal for our lives is not money but maturity, not happiness but holiness, not getting but giving. God is at work making people more like His Son, and that's what Christian service is all about. Your purpose in serving isn't to build the biggest church or Sunday school class, the greatest choir, or the most efficient band of ushers. Your purpose is to build people of Christian character whom God can bless and use to build others."

**WARREN WIERSBE**

"Taking care of 'the least of these' means that together, as Christ's body, we ensure that in the community each person's basic needs are met and that no one is left alone to fend for herself. In this way, at least among us, rich and poor cease to exist. The 'worries' of daily life—getting food on the table, paying the bills, caring for children, being needed and listened to—are carried together. If we cannot do this among ourselves, then what do we have to bring to the broken world? ... Only if we first learn how to be Christ's body together can we have anything distinctive to show and give as a community."

**CHARLES MOORE**

**A WONDERFUL OFFER**

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

*"Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."*

**COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL**

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit [www.cbcfamily.org/events](http://www.cbcfamily.org/events).



**LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

**ELDER PRAYER** The elders and their wives would love to spend time with you and pray for any encouragement or healing you need in your life right now. God does extraordinary things when we go to Him, and we're excited to do this together today, Oct. 20, at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Learn more at [www.cbcfamily.org/elderprayer](http://www.cbcfamily.org/elderprayer).

**A NIGHT OF WORSHIP WITH STEVE GREEN** Alongside Christ Chapel's choir and orchestra, legendary artist Steve Green will be a part of leading us in a beautiful night of worship that's sure to encourage and inspire. We'll see you at the Fort Worth Campus on Friday, Oct. 25 at 7 P.M. for an incredible evening together!

**DAY OF PRAYER: PRAY FOR OUR NATION** As we continue to pray for our upcoming presidential election throughout the coming weeks, we want to set aside time for our church family to pray for our nation. On Monday, Nov. 4, we'll set aside time beginning at 12 p.m. in the Oak Room for prayer. We look forward to being together and focusing on God's goodness to us.

**CHRISTIAN NATION OR CHRISTIANS IN A NATION?** We're disciples of Jesus who belong to His unending Kingdom, and we're also citizens of this nation. How do those two realities work together? Join us next Sunday, Oct. 27, at 3:30 p.m. in the Oak Room to hear an answer to that question from Dallas Theological Seminary's Dr. Bock! We'll gain insights on our nation's founding principles and practical responses to the current social and political climate. Learn details at [www.cbcfamily.org/dts](http://www.cbcfamily.org/dts).

**BE A DISCIPLE IN KIDS MINISTRY** We're grateful to have so many kids be a part of our church family across all the campuses, and this fall we invite you to take part in shepherding by sharing the gospel with them on Sundays. One hour in Kids Ministry singing songs, teaching bible stories and being a constant presence of God's people, could change their lives forever, and into eternity. Learn more by visiting [www.cbcfamily.org/kids](http://www.cbcfamily.org/kids).

**MSM GIRLS NIGHT** We are excited to offer our MSM Girls Night at the Fort Worth Campus! Join in on the fun, grow in God's Word and build community. Join us Friday, Nov. 8, at 6:30 p.m. through Saturday, Nov. 9, at 11:30 a.m. Learn more and register by visiting [www.cbcfamily.org/girlsnight](http://www.cbcfamily.org/girlsnight).



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