

Serving Each Other, Serving Others Together

Verses

Galatians 5:13 For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Mark 8:35 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.

1 Corinthians 13:3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

John 13:14-15 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

Romans 15:2 We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord.

Galatians 6:2 Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

Acts 2:44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.

1 Peter 4:10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

2 Corinthians 9:7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

Proverbs 11:25 The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

1 Peter 5:5 And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another.

Romans 12:6-8 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Matthew 10:42 And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Philippians 2:2 Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

1 John 3:16 We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building.

Hebrews 10:24 Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out.

Questions

1. When we talk about serving, what do you think about? Is it positive or negative?
2. Why is it important for us to serve together?
3. Why is it important for us to serve people who are very different from us as well as serving each other?
4. What are some of the ways that serving others help us deepen our relationship with God?
5. Have you ever experienced a sense of joy and deeper connection as a result of serving?
6. What are some of the roadblocks to serving? (Time, lack of interest, lack of confidence, lack of information, overcommitment) What keeps you from serving in/with the church?

Challenge

Explore options for serving together and pray about how you can join with others in serving with love and joy.