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For Grace to Serve

It was your joy to serve.

Thank you for your service.

Show me where you want me to serve,

Give me the ability to serve,

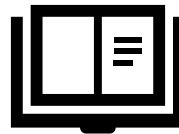
Let me serve.

And make my heart pure toward everyone.



## Deeper Dive: Serve One Another

These resources are to help you go deeper as we explore together how we are called to be with one another as the people of God. There's lots of thoughts, ideas and resources here so use whatever is helpful and may you be blessed as you go deeper in your relationship with Jesus and one another. You might find them useful to study alone, or want to study them with others – in discipleship groups, families, couples or with a friend.



## [Going Deeper: Scripture](#)

We live in a culture where serving one another is often not the most glamorous or appealing thing to do. It can be easy to go through our lives focusing on our own goals and dreams and missing the call of God to serve one another as Christ serves us.

This is the nature of our service, following the pattern of Christ as shown in Philippians 2:1-18 and as a sign of our freedom in the Spirit as shown in Galatians 5:13. The heart behind the serving is key, as it says in Philippians “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others”. We can fall into the trap of serving somebody so we get an outcome we want: more people coming to church, more people offering their skills and time, the satisfaction of being the helper,

amongst other things. But, the Scripture reminds us that serving isn't about us, but it is about the other.

This commitment to serving one another, seeing others as better than ourselves is a profound call on our communities. If we all commit to this way of being all are built up, cared for and loved. Serving one another is a great equalizer and speaks a bold political message in our generation. Our service to one another takes a variety of forms. It might be practical tasks, advocating on behalf of others, challenging systems of injustice, showering one another with love and affirmation, practicing Sabbath as a rebellion against the culture that treats humans as machines. What forms of service do you gravitate to most naturally?

This week as we reflect on the servanthood of Christ in Philippians and explore how we are living out this servanthood in our own lives, I invite you to pray through how God invites us to freedom through serving one another in love. What other images of servanthood do you find in Scripture that inspire you? Perhaps choose a gospel this week and note each instance you see of Jesus serving somebody. How is he resourced to do this? What impact does it make on the lives of those being served?

#### Going Deeper: Reflection or Discussion and Prayer

- How am I currently serving others? What are my motivations?
- Am I finding freedom in serving others or is it a bind or an obligation I'm struggling with?
- How am I growing in humility so I can put others first without devaluing myself as a child of God?
- As the church community do we demand or expect the service of

others? Is our focus on setting people free or getting jobs done?

- How am I being resourced to serve others? Am I practicing Sabbath and enabling others to do so too?
- How is God calling me to serve others in the big ways and the small ways (think both inside and outside the church)?

#### Going Deeper: More Resources

Each of us learns differently so here are a variety of resources that you might want to use to help you encounter God's love more deeply, grow in your love of God and yourself and enrich your commitment to love your neighbour.

#### **Music**

'Brother, Sister, let me serve you'

'With All I Am' by Hillsong Worship

#### **Books**

'Sabbath as Resistance' by Walter Bruggeman



This book is fantastic at helping us think through the connection between serving and Sabbath, doing and resting, and brings a challenge to our culture that invites us to think about how we live distinctively as Christians.

'Resilient' by Sheriden Voysey, Called to Bring What We Have

This is one of the short reflections from this book that leaves us thinking about what we have to offer, what the Lord has blessed us with, and how we can use that to serve.