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# Outreach

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# Definition of Service - Josh

- Society says:
  - Help others for the purpose of gaining something in return and to feel good about yourself
  - If you serve others, than that means you are a good person deserving of recognition
- What does this imply? Who gets the praise here?

# Definition of Service - Josh

- The Bible says:
  - “No one is good except God alone” - Mark 10:18
  - Ephesians 2:8-9
  - Philippians 2:3

# Biblical Service

**We serve others not for our own purposes, but to glorify God through our actions. Love others because God first loved us.**

*“Not under compulsion, but voluntarily...not for sordid gain, but with eagerness.” - 1 Peter 5:2-3 (NASB)*

# It's Our Purpose - Abby

- Look at the life of Jesus: He came to serve!
- Serving is a form of spreading love and the Gospel
- Motivation to serve comes from our gratitude; we love because He loved us first
- Many ways to serve



“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” --John 15:12

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”--Acts 20:35

“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.”  
--Mark 10:45

# God's Garage - Jon



# Ways to Serve - Ansley

- Our Far Neighbors:
  - Short term
  - Long term
- Our Close Neighbors:
  - Loving the person in front of you
  - Non-Profits
  - Church



For you were called to freedom, brothers.

Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

—Galatians 5:13-14

# How to Serve - Collin

- The mission trip fallacy



“Little children, let us not  
love in word or talk  
but in deed and truth.”

—Matthew 23:11

- Serving as a student



- Coming up With Ideas

- *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”* --Revelations 3:20

- Not just serving physical needs



# How to Serve (As Christians) - Wesley

- Ephesians 6:7

Rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man

- Don't serve out of obligation
- Don't serve to show off (to God or people)

# Serving Mindset - Jeddy and Katie

- Find your God given passion/talents and share
- Serve because you love to !!
- Be generous with your Money, Time, Talent, and Attention

“But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.” 1 Samuel 12:24

# How to Serve in Cstat - Jordan

- Find a place to serve regularly
  - Church
  - Shelter
  - Food pantry
  - Crisis pregnancy center
- Be consistent!
- Don't think you have to say yes to every service opportunity that comes along
  - Don't spread yourself too thin
  - Give your full attention to a few things

# Recap - Riley

- Service is a product of us becoming more Christlike!
- Service is an opportunity for God to work through you and in you!

