

At your Service
Week 1

Galatians 5:13-14

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."

Title: How can I help you?

Intro: who here has to do chores for their parents?

- Which is the worst chore? Laundry, dishwasher, cleaning your room, cleaning the kitchen. Mowing the lawn.
- Worst one for me: Racking pine needles and acorns from our beach. Wind blows.
- I don't get paid enough for this. You don't get paid at all. You are right.
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- Chores are learning aspect for serving.
- In life, we are going to have to learn to serve.
- In our faith, serving should be priority.

Main Point: What is Serving

Helping Others while it might be inconvenient for you.

Part One: Helping Others

There needs to be a shift in our minds from always desiring to help ourselves to being willing to help others.

- Serving when it comes down to it, it is helping others.
- Helping them accomplish their dreams, learn, grow, helping them in need, helping them when no one else will.
- We need to always keep in our mind, how can I help you.

Unfortunately, many of us think first how we can help ourselves.

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

We should use the gifts, talents, abilities, passions, not to for a job, or be an influencer, or in a sport, no, to what. Serve people.

We should use what God gave us to help people.

Jesus was a perfect example of this. He came with all power to have us serve him. But he chose to use his power, to serve others. [Video](#)

What can we do:

- Help your friends
- Help your parents
- Help those who are overlooked.
- Help those who are hurting
- Help those you do not know.
- Help your church.
- Help your teacher
- Help your pastor.

We need to start thinking more about ways we can help, not just think about things that will help us.

Part two: While it might be inconvenient for you

Serving in it's truest form normally happens when it's the least convenient.

Mindset: Serving will probably not be something I want to do, what I have time to do, or something I am passionate to do, but I still need to do it.

Matthew 20:28

Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Jesus had to go through some of the most inconvenient things to serve us. All the way up to the cross.

The confusion many of us live with that we need to re-focus is we connect serving to only things we want to do.

Really what that is, is participating in passions.

Serving is doing things outside our norm our convenience in order to help others.

Conclusion: Image of Good Samaritan

Luke 10

30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. **31** A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. **32** So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan, as he

traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two denarii^[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

Matthew 23:11

The greatest among you shall be your servant.