



Message Notes & Discussion Guide

MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE LOVING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Service is a way of offering resources, time, treasure, _____ and _____ for the care, protection, justice, and nurture of others.

1. _____ **service as a way of life.**
2. _____ **your potential.**

“To equip, encourage and unleash every Christ-follower to discover and utilize their unique giftedness and abilities in their own God-given, Spirit-led, Christ-centered, Bible-based ministry within the church, throughout the local community and all around the world in multidimensional service to God.”

How do you discover your place of service in the kingdom of God?

- Your service potential begins with a _____ for changing what’s not right. (Nehemiah 1:2-4)
- Your service potential is _____ with _____. (Nehemiah 1:2-3)
- Your actual service will be a combination of _____ mixed with great _____. (Nehemiah 2:1-3)
- Your service (as all service) will depend on _____ resources. (Nehemiah 2:7-9)
- Your actual service will not be fully realized without varying degrees of _____. (Nehemiah 2:10)

3. **Explore _____ service options with the goal of engaging in _____.**
4. **_____ beyond your comfort zones with the goal of bringing hope, peace and life-change to our community.**
- Take a _____ step.
 - Ask the _____ question.
 - Start _____.
 - Do _____ thing well!
 - GO
 - PRAY
 - SEND
 - WELCOME
 - Give what you _____ and give yourself permission to _____.
 - Let me HELP! Rich Peterson – rpeterson@bvchurch.org

EXERCISING YOUR SERVICE:

1. Every morning for the next two weeks ask your spouse, roommate or a colleague, “What can I do for you today?” Then do it. Talk to God about what this is like for you. What do you see about yourself?
2. Divide a paper into three columns. Above one column write, “For Me.” Above the second column write, “For Others.” Above the third column write, “For God.” Review the past week or month. Jot down in each column the things you have bought and done for yourself, others and God. What does this inventory reveal about your life?
3. Sign on to set up or take down an event. This part of event planning is the least sought after. What is it like for you to do a simple task that doesn't require your skill or expertise? What does this tell you about your acts of service?
4. Get to know some missionaries or a faith-based organization. Find out what they need. Ask them how you could serve. Do something that helps them help others.