

The Ins and Outs of Serving

Next Steps – Week 4

“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” James 2:17 (NIV)

“God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works...” Ephesians 2:10 (NCV)

“Your attitude must be like my own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve...” Matthew 20:28 (LB)

To serve like Jesus...

1) ...I must be available.

“Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, ‘Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!’ ...Jesus stopped and called them. ‘What do you want me to do for you?’”

Matthew 20:30-32 (NIV)

Barriers: Self-centeredness
(Philippians 2:4)

Perfectionism
(Ecclesiastes 11:4)

2) ...I must be grateful.

“I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength for my work. I thank him for considering me worthy and appointing me to serve him.” 1 Timothy 1:12 (GNT)

“Then Jesus looked up and said, ‘Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here...” John 11:41-42 (NIV)

Barriers: Comparing
(Galatians 6:4)

Wrong motives
(Matthew 6:1)

3) ...I must be faithful.

“The one thing required of such servants is that they be faithful...” 1 Corinthians 4:2 (GNT)

“I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.” John 17:4 (NLT)

“Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.”

1 Corinthians 15:58 (Msg.)