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Pray this: God, help me to be present with all who need me. Would you point out gifts of mine I could use to serve You? I want to use my time and talents to meet the needs of others. Give me patience when it's inconvenient and stir up joy in me to serve those who You love. More than anything else, let my service reflect your love for those I'm serving.

Amen.

Group Activity

Take some time with your House Church, family, or a friend to go through this activity together. We all have different gifts, resources, and interests for serving. Go through the questionnaire below with your House Church, family, or individually to discover a way you could serve alone or as a group. Commit to following through on the project sometime in the next month.

- What gifts, talents, and skills do you or your group have that you could use to serve others? (*Cooking, building things, teaching, knitting, etc.*)

- What resources do you or your group have that you could use to serve others? (*Time, money, clothes, food, connections to people/opportunities, etc.*)

- Is there anyone in your lives whom you could offer support and assistance to this week?

Group Activity

- Are there any particular issues or challenges that you feel strongly about addressing within our community? (*Poverty, loneliness, addiction, environment, kids/youth, etc.*)

- How could you use your gifts and resources to serve one of the people or address one of the issues you listed above?

Example: We like to cook. We know a family going through chemo. We could cook them a meal.

Example: We have lots of old baby/kids gear. We are passionate about helping refugees. We could donate our stuff to an organization that supports those families.

Example: We have time on Saturday mornings. We care about serving kids. We will schedule a time to deliver beds with Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

- What next steps do you need to take to follow through with this plan?

- We plan to serve by _____
on (day/time) _____

Group Discussion

1. Share about a service project or mission trip you have done in the past. What did you like or dislike about this experience?

2. Serving is not always an event you sign-up for. Sometimes serving happens unexpectedly as situations arise. Share about a time you unexpectedly served someone or someone unexpectedly served you.

3. Serving is not only helping those less fortunate. We can also serve our friends, coworkers, and family members. How could you serve the people you live with or work with?

4. What would it look like for us to have a serving mindset all the time?

5. How can we serve other people with our words?

6. Would you say you are comfortable or uncomfortable with other people serving you? Why?

7. Share about a time you let someone serve you. How did it make you feel?

My Growth Plan

Make a plan to grow in the next year.

I plan to grow through serving by:

- o Commit to trying a First Serve experience at The Water's Edge
- o Join a serving team at The Water's Edge
- o Sign up for a WE Serve Saturday event
- o Sign up for a mission trip
- o Sign up for a regular serving opportunity at a non-profit
- o Serve a friend with kind and encouraging words
- o Other: _____

Who can help you be successful with this growth plan?

Resources

Use the links below or scan the QR code to find ways to serve at The Water's Edge.

Serving in the Church

weomaha.com/connect/serving-the-church

Serving in the Community

weomaha.com/serve/weservesaturdays

Serving around the World

weomaha.com/serve/national-international



Ideas for Serving at Local Non-Profits



Nebraska Diaper Bank

nebraskadiaperbank.org/volunteer/month/



Food Bank for the Heartland

foodbankheartland.org/get-involved/volunteer/



Together Omaha

togetheromaha.org/get-involved/volunteer.html



Sleep in Heavenly Peace

shpbeds.org/chapter/ne-omaha/



Habitat for Humanity

habitatomaha.org/volunteer/local-opportunities/

Book Recommendations

o Love Does by Bob Goff

o The Hole in Our Gospel by Richard Stearns

o The Power of Serving Others by Gary Morsch & Dean Nelson

Scripture Reflection

Take time to write Matthew 20:25-28 in the space below.

What word or phrase stuck out to you? What is it that God may be speaking to you through this passage? Is there a next step you need to take?

Pray

- o Thank God for who He is and His faithfulness in your life.
- o Who are you praying for today?
- o What challenge or situation do you need God's guidance in this week?
- o What is a need your family has this week?

As we **serve** others
we are working
on ourselves;
every act, every
word, every
gesture of genuine
compassion
naturally *nourishes*
our own hearts
as well.

- Wayne Muller



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