



STUDY GUIDE

January 9, 2022

Message Series:

SELFLESS

Message Title:

Selfless Service

Teaching Pastor:

Brian Hughes

Warm-up/Icebreaker:

Share a memorable restaurant experience. How was your service? Have you ever been a server/waiter/waitress?

Pray:

Dear God, You are the giver of all good things. Help us to continue to count our blessings and be grateful and humble of heart. Help us to remember that everything is Yours and we are to share with others and look for opportunities to serve. It is through serving that we are most like Jesus. Help us to learn through our study, how to do that better. It's through Your son Jesus that we pray. Amen.

Get Started:

- If someone were to describe you with this phrase, "He is always...." or "She is always..." What would go in the blank? What would others say that you always do?
- Describe an experience where you have been served and/or when you have served someone? How did you feel in those circumstances?

Read Philippians 2:3-8, Galatians 5:13 and 1 Peter 5:2.

- What is it about serving others that you find hard to do? What are some things that have prevented you from serving others in the past?

Watch and Discuss Video: (running time 9 min.)

Read Luke 22:27.

"Serving isn't just something we do. Servant is who we are. I am a servant of others because Jesus was a servant of others and I want to be like him. I'm going to get to some practical, boots on the ground, real-life-where-we-live-it application in a minute, but I don't want to move too quickly to the checklist. Because the checklist is about doing. And we can serve without having the mind of a servant. No, Jesus didn't just act like a servant. Though he was God in the flesh - at the Top, if you will, he actually claimed the identity of a servant, on the bottom." - Pastor Brian Hughes

Romans 1:1.

- Before serving God it is important to first identify yourself as a servant of Christ. Do you feel like your name could replace Paul's here and have this scripture accurately apply to your life? Briefly explain.

Pastor Brian talked about categories of serving:

People:

- What needs are you aware of right now, in the lives of others? What can you do to meet those needs right now? What can your small group do collectively to meet those needs in the coming days and weeks?

Causes:

- Is there a cause that produces passion in your soul stirring you to action?

Local church:

- Do you serve in an area of your church? If yes, what do you like best about the serving role? If not yet serving, consider approaching a church leader on Sunday or reaching out to someone to help you get connected.

Reflect and Commit:

Read through the following verses and discuss the consequences of a lack of servanthood and the benefits of servanthood?

Ephesians 4:11-16 (or the whole chapter if time allows.).

John 12:26.

Matthew 25:21.

“Take a meal. Send a note. Carry a towel. Because in a world that has lost its way in pathological selfishness, followers of Jesus are called to be the opposite - we are called to be SELFLESS.” - Pastor Brian Hughes

Pray:

Dear Lord, thank you for giving us life. Help us to live it well and to use the gifts You have given us to serve those around us offering refreshment. When we first identify as your servant and then focus on *others* it helps us to be more *selfless* and we become more like Jesus. Help us to be aware of others' needs and show action in how we could best serve them. Thank you, Lord, that you see and remember all that we do for You. We pray all this in Your Son's name, Jesus. Amen.