



WEEK 1: SERVING OTHERS

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

This past weekend Pastor Dan's message *"Serving Others, Part 1: Learning to Love with Your Life"* focused on the significance of serving others with a sacrificial and loving heart. He emphasizes the freedom we have in Christ to choose love over selfishness. Pastor Dan encouraged us to serve beyond our comfort zones, even serving those who may have hurt us, as an expression of genuine love and healing. Serving others represents a transformative act that impacts those being served, fosters personal growth, and strengthens relationships within the church community.

KEY VERSES

Luke 22:26, *"But it is not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant."*

Mark 8:35, *"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospels will save it."*

1 Thessalonians 1:6-8, "You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1

Pastor Dan mentioned agape love as the kind of sacrificial love we should demonstrate when serving others, based on

Galatians 5:13-15.

- a. What does it mean to serve others with 'agape' love? When thinking about your daily routines, how can you practice and demonstrate "agape" love every day?
- b. Can you think of a time when someone served you with agape love? How did it impact your relationship with them and your own ability to serve others?

2

Pastor Dan encouraged us to serve those who have hurt us, emphasizing that this act of love can bring healing to our own hearts and minds.

- a. How can serving others who have hurt us lead to healing in our relationships?
- b. Is there someone in your life who has hurt you that you can serve in some way? What effect might this have on your relationship and your own healing process?

3

Pastor Dan warns against the dangers of self-centeredness and the importance of serving others.

- a. What are some practical ways to break free from self-centeredness and live a life of service to others?

4

In the message, Pastor Dan emphasized that believers are no longer bound by the Old Testament law, but instead have the freedom to choose to serve others in love.

- a. How does our freedom in Christ allow us to choose to serve others?

We heard that love for others, summed up in **Leviticus 19:18**, was always the point of the law.

- a. How can you apply the principle of “love for others” in your understanding of Scripture and in your approach to relationships with others?

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Reflection: Take a deep breath and read....

1. Looking back at your life, how do you, as a follower of Jesus, seek to work with and allow the Holy Spirit to transform you?
2. What are some key areas of your life that you have not fully surrendered to the Lord?
3. What are the areas that you need to reflect on and surrender as you seek to allow the Holy Spirit to transform you and continue to grow you as servants and imitators of the Lord?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- Ask God to help us recognize opportunities to serve others this week.
- Pray for the strength to serve even when it's difficult or inconvenient.
- Request for God to guide us in loving our neighbors as ourselves.

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