



SERVE FRESNO

WARM UP: FOUNDATIONAL PRACTICE OF SERVING FAITHFULLY

This month, we are focusing on our foundational practice of serving faithfully. We put the Gospel on display as we serve others where we live, work, and play (Matthew 5:16). As followers of Christ, we serve our church, our city, and our world! Begin your time together with 1-2 people sharing their experiences of serving in the church, city, or world. What fears/insecurities have you encountered when serving in the church, city, or world? How have you been shaped by those experiences? What have you learned about yourself, others, and God through those experiences?

1. **Read *Philippians 2:1-11*** out loud. What catches your attention in this passage? Where do you see the connection between embracing the gospel and serving faithfully? In what ways does this passage encourage and challenge you in your walk with the Lord?
2. Philippians 2:1-11 clearly shows us the nature of Christ and in Christ, we are invited to reflect Him in our lives. Brad gave 5 descriptions of Jesus: 1) Jesus was not a grasper, 2) Jesus willingly placed himself under the Father's authority, 3) Jesus looked out for the interests of others, 4) Jesus willingly chose to be near those in need, and 5) Jesus modeled a life of service. As you read those descriptions, which one stands out to you the most and why? How does Jesus' example move your heart toward others?
3. In light of this sermon, spend a few minutes individually sitting with the Lord and asking Him, "What do you want to do *in* me?" As a follower of Christ, what does it look like to empty yourself this week and reflect Him to those around you?

"The good life that Jesus invites us into is found when it is given away."

BRAD BELL

4. Next Sunday, October 23rd, is Serve Fresno! If you have not signed up for Serve Fresno, check out <https://thewellcommunity.org/events/the-well/serve-fresno> for available serve projects. A 5-day guide for Serve Fresno will be posted on the church website soon!

CONCLUDING CHALLENGE

As a Life Group, what does serving faithfully look like? What personal connections do you have to specific needs in the community? What would it look like to serve together on a regular basis?

Discuss and pray together about what serving faithfully can look like for your Life Group.