



SERVE FRESNO

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DEBRIEF

Serve Fresno is over! Can you believe it? We praise God for every good work that was performed by His people. We want to celebrate what God has done all over this city for His glory. It is appropriate and important for you as a Life Group, family, or group of friends to take time to reflect upon the entire Serve Fresno experience. Make it meaningful by identifying what you learned about God, yourself, and your community.

WHAT?

Take time to describe what happened during the entire project, such as who was involved, what was accomplished, what needs were met, etc. Ask several members of the group to describe what happened with your project, or go around in a circle and have each person provide one adjective to describe what happened or what was accomplished. If your group has younger children, have them draw a picture of their experience. You could also have a group discussion in which you ask the following questions:

1. **What were some of the things you noticed?**
2. **How has this changed or reshaped your understanding of God's Word or the Christian life?**

SO WHAT?

Discuss the thoughts or feelings your project provoked, or what lessons you learned from this experience. Consider the following questions:

1. **What do you know now that you didn't know before?**
2. **What attitudes and feelings do you have about the experience that you didn't have before?**
3. **What part of this experience was most valuable for you? For your group?**
4. **What do you think you will remember or retain in other ways after this experience?**

NOW WHAT?

Serve Fresno is designed to be more than a one-time experience in that it would become a lifestyle or normal rhythm for disciples of Jesus Christ. The "Now What?" questions are to help you and your Life Group, family or group of friends to consider what's next. You may want to ask some of the following questions:

1. **What are some things you appreciate about the members of this group or family?**
2. **What changes would you suggest for future church or group experiences?**
3. **Where does your family or group go from here?**

It might be appropriate for you to follow up with the organization you worked with or people you served with during the project. Let them reflect on the experience, and see if there is any information that would be helpful for your group, both now and in the future. Set a time to meet or even to do another serve project down the road. If you're looking for more projects or organizations go to The Well's missions website to see great organizations we partner with or head to servefresno.org for ongoing serve opportunities. If you're interested in learning more about how to help others you can mark your calendars for the missions class, **"When Helping Hurts"** that will be a summer equipping class for 2023. Tell your story. It is good to share with other people what happened and how God moved. This may include talking to family, other members of The Well, or friends and neighbors. If you have pictures or videos from the experience, post them online as a way of celebrating the work of God in our city!