

THIS IS WHY WE DO IT

- If we're doing the great commandment and the great commission, we have a _____.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

We have been _____ for the benefit of others.

My friends, you were chosen to be free. So don't use your freedom as an excuse to do anything you want. Use it as an opportunity to serve each other with love. Galatians 5:13 (CEV)

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45 (NLT)

Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace. 1 Peter 4:10 (NCV)

Belonging to each other is so important:

- You Belong to God's _____.
- Every family member has a responsibility to _____ for others.
...you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian. Ephesians 2:19 (TLB)

- The church is only as _____ as its members.
... you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Ephesians 2:20-22(ESV)

- You are a part of the _____.
- A _____ is _____ when every part is doing its part.
Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each needs all the others. Romans 12:4-5 (TLB)

- Belonging carries a responsibility of _____ and _____ for others.
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We'll never have the heart of a servant if we are the _____.

The Priorities of a servant's heart:

- A servant sees Jesus in _____ they serve.
Whenever you served one of the least, someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - you did it to me. Matt 25:40
- A servant is focused on the _____ of _____.
- A servant puts service over _____.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

- A servant puts _____ over convenience.

Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, "How can I help?" That's exactly what Jesus did. He didn't make it easy for himself by avoiding people's troubles, but waded right in and helped out....Romans 15:1-3 (MSG)

How we demonstrate a servant's heart:

- Willing to do what seems _____.
- Willing to see people through a lens of _____.
- Willing to get _____ and uncomfortable to bless others.

The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance. You are Christ's body—that's who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your "part" mean anything. 1 Corinthians 12:25-27

God designed you:

- To do your _____.

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- To _____ with others, not isolate yourself.
- To _____ yourself to others.
- To make _____ your expression.

If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears. And you made it disappear. 1 John 3:17 (MSG)

Action Steps:

- Establish that you belong at _____.
- Establish your _____, loving God and serving others.



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- How do we carry out the great commandment and the great commission?
- Do you believe that you have been gifted to serve others? Explain.
- How does serving others make us the church God wants us to be?
- Discuss the points under the sub-heading: "Why Belonging is so important".
- In your own words, why is serving others important?
- What do you feel are the most important qualities of a heart of a servant? Why?
- Why is it important to be willing to do what seems insignificant?
- Discuss the points under "God designed you". Why is committing ourselves to others important?

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