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**Day 1: Serving Others Is a Choice**

Review the video for this session.

**Engage**

Read [Luke 10:25–37](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Lk10.25-37).

**Consider**

Every day, if we look closely enough, there are people who need our help. If we don’t see needs, then it’s probably a sign that we’re choosing not to look closely enough. This passage reminds us that living for God means slowing down and opening our eyes to the people around us we can serve.

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| **QUESTION**Why do you think the first two men passed by the beaten man without helping him? |

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| **QUESTION**What message was Jesus sending by suggesting that the Samaritan was a neighbor to the man? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**What often prevents you from helping or serving others? |

**Activate**

As you think about what would keep you from helping someone like the injured man, write down your reasons for not helping. Be honest. Then, pray over your list, and ask God to help you overcome those reasons.

**Pray**

God, I want to live for You in every area, and that includes serving. Help me to overcome any fears or insecurities I may have that would prevent me from doing so. I also pray that Your followers throughout the world would learn to serve their neighbor. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 2: Our Actions Show Faith**

**Engage**

Read [James 2:14–26](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jas2.14-26).

**Consider**

Faith without action is dead. That’s intense wording! It’s one way to learn that serving others requires more than just kind thoughts or intentions. It requires engagement on our part.

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| **QUESTION**Look at verse [16](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jas2.16). What’s the message James was saying? |

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| **QUESTION**What’s the connection between faith and actions? How about between compassion and serving? |

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| **QUESTION**How would you answer someone who said believing in God is enough? (See verses [19–20](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jas2.19-20).) |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**Would you say others who know you well believe you to have a servant’s heart and attitude? Why or why not? If not, how could you change this? |

**Activate**

Clean your room this week without being asked. If you’re already doing this, do an extra household chore without being asked.

**Pray**

Father God, as I live for You, I need to engage in serving others more. Give me creative ideas and the forethought to put them into action. I also ask that Your Church would be known as a serving Church. I pray that those who don’t know You would experience compassion and want to follow You. Amen.

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**Day 3: Serve without Expecting to Be Repaid**

**Engage**

Read [Matthew 14:14](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt14.14); [Mark 6:34](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mk6.34); [Luke 7:11–15](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Lk7.11-15); [John 11:35–39](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn11.35-39).

**Consider**

Jesus was often filled with compassion and love for others. These are just a few examples of His compassion and the action He took to help others.

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| **QUESTION**What do you notice about Jesus from reading these verses? |

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| **QUESTION**What was Jesus’ response to the compassion He felt? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**Would you say you’re someone who notices other people’s pain and suffering easily? If not, would you like to change this? Why or why not? |

**Activate**

Go back to one of the four Bible stories above and read the entire passage to discover what Jesus did and how He served others.

**Pray**

Father God, there may be times it’s hard for me to see others’ pain and then serve them. Open my eyes to the needs around me. Then help me to know what to do. Give me a servant’s heart, an action plan, and strength to accomplish what is needed. Thank You for Your compassion for me. Amen.

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**Day 4: Even Angels!**

**Engage**

Read [Hebrews 13:1–7](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Heb13.1-7).

**Consider**

Self-care is very important, but if we’re not careful, it can come before caring for other people. Jesus said we should love our neighbors as ourself. It’s important that we realize who our neighbors are. As this passage says, we may even be serving angels!

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| **QUESTION**How are we to love others? |

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| **QUESTION**Why should we serve complete strangers? |

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| **QUESTION**Why do you think we’re challenged to follow the example of leaders who teach us God’s Word? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**Does knowing that we could be serving angels encourage you to serve more? Why or why not? |

**Activate**

Serve someone in your school or youth group that you don’t really know or who least expects it.

**Pray**

Father God, I recognize that I need to put other people before myself. Help me to do it with an attitude of true servanthood, not with grumbling or impatience. I realize the more I die to myself, the easier and more natural it will be. Thank You for guiding me in this. Amen.

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**Day 5: To Serve Is to Lead**

**Engage**

Read [Matthew 20:20–28](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt20.20-28).

**Consider**

Being a leader is something we should all strive to be. A leader is usually someone who has people under them. But Jesus says that to be a leader, it really means to be a servant. In other words, leading Jesus’ way means we put others above us.

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| **QUESTION**Who came to Jesus in verse [20](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt20.20) asking about her two sons? What was her request in verse [21](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt20.21)? |

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| **QUESTION**How do you think the other disciples felt after hearing this request? |

**Reflect**

We live in a culture that is very focused on self and helping yourself get to the top. But according to Jesus, we should focus on helping and elevating others.

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| **QUESTION**Who are some people in your life who serve you in this way? |

**Activate**

Send one of these leaders a text or tell them personally how you see them as a servant for God. This will be a great encouragement to them.

**Pray**

Father God, help me to understand that being a leader doesn’t mean that I focus on who is following me. It doesn’t allow me to treat people with disrespect or belittle them. It means that I serve them. Help me to lead like Jesus did. Help me to love my neighbor in even greater ways. Amen.