

**Self-disclosure Questions/Icebreakers**

Give an example of someone you know who has served selflessly.

**Scripture** – James 2:14-26

**Suggested Prayer**

*Spirit, guide our hearts as we examine ourselves – give us faith that will embolden us and give us courage to serve you with abandon.*

**Sermon Take-Away** – If you need/want to review it, Pastor Colin talked about...

1. A faith that does not serve is completely useless.
2. Christ came not to be served but to serve.
3. Faith that unites us to Christ shows itself in serving.
4. Those who serve well gain great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

What was your take-away from this week's sermon?

**Discussion Questions** – Choose as few or as many as you'd like.

1. Why is it that faith in God produces a love and concern for others, while unbelief results largely in self-absorption?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Contrast the "faith" of a person who is completely bent in on himself with a living faith, intent on serving. How does prayer, worship, giving, church attendance, and activity in LIFE Group look different in each case? How would their motives and attitudes be different?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Read John 13:4-14. How does washing the disciple's feet represent what Christ has done for us in the gospel? What does Jesus' example teach us about our service to one another? How does Jesus' example inform the ministries capacities in which we choose to serve?

4. Since faith unites us to Christ is it any wonder that our faith also expresses itself in service to the body of Christ, the church? Why then is it so common for those who profess faith in Christ to lack a commitment and love for the local church?
  
5. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-12. How does the death and resurrection of Jesus supply Paul with strength and resolve in ministry? What will sustain us through times of suffering in ministry?
  
6. *Bear Fruit* Service Question: How have you seen your faith increase as a result of serving others? What gifts has God given you and which ministry would make the best use of them?

**Suggested Closing Prayer**

*Father, we give thanks for Jesus Christ, who served us to the point of death and redeemed us to serve the world. Spirit, empower our service and fill us with love so that our efforts will proclaim the greatness of the gospel, and not ourselves.*