

Cultivating Covenant Community
A Study of the One-Another Commands of Scripture

Lesson 8: Serve One Another

Key Scriptures: 1 Peter 4:10-11; Galatians 5:13; John 13:1-20

1. What does the Bible teach about serving one another?

- a. At the heart of the gospel, Jesus came to serve us.
 - i. Mark 10:45: “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”
 - ii. Mark 1:29-31 as an illustration of how Christ wants to work in our lives.
 1. He takes us by the hand and gives us life, and then we serve others.
- b. Jesus shows us the way to serve one another.
 - i. In John 13, Jesus washed His disciples’ feet.
 - ii. Like Jesus, we serve one another as an act of genuine love.
 - iii. Like Jesus, we serve one another by humbling ourselves.
 - iv. Matthew Henry: “To wash one another’s feet is to stoop to the poorest offices of love, for the real good and benefit one of another.”
- c. God uniquely gifts each believer for different areas of service in the body of Christ.
 - i. 1 Peter 4:10: “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”
 - ii. Romans 12:4-8
 - iii. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 14-26
 - iv. “What is my spiritual gift?”
 - v. Consider your S-H-A-P-E and how you are uniquely shaped to serve others.
 1. S- Spiritual gifts
 2. H- Heart
 3. A- Abilities
 4. P- Personality
 5. E- Experiences in life
- d. The Lord honors even the simplest act of service to other members of His body.
 - i. Mark 9:41: “For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.”
- e. We must serve God in His strength and for His glory.
 - i. 1 Peter 4:11b: “whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

2. Where can I serve?

- a. Be perceptive.
 - i. Look for needs in the body of Christ and consider how God might use you to meet the need.
- b. Be hospitable.
 - i. 1 Peter 4:9: “Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.”
- c. Be aware of existing opportunities to serve each other in the life of the church.
 - i. Security Team
 - ii. Nursery rotation
 - iii. Teaching children’s SS
 - iv. Audio-Video Team
 - v. Set up and clean up on Wednesday nights