



Life Group Guide

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I COMMUNITY (15 min.) Introduce yourselves

My Hero: Who was your hero growing up? Why was that person your hero?

Share: One of the hardest things I have ever done is... because...

II DISCIPLESHIP

Big Idea: Jesus invites, encourages and equips those who follow Him to serve others, both in our attitudes and actions.

Key Scriptures — “But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:25 – 28

As you listened, what thought did our Father impress upon you as to how to apply this message to your life? Why?

Message Discussion (50 min.)

Those who follow Jesus have been...

Saved to serve others

What is Paul’s point in Romans 7:4-6? How does that relate to you serving others?

What does Ephesians 2:10 say about God’s design/purpose for you serving others?

Commanded to serve others

How does Jesus’ words in Matt. 20:25-28 speak into your life about serving others?

What does Paul say in Gal. 5:13-15 about the opportunities & dangers of serving?

Equipped to serve others

What does Eph. 4:11-12 say is the role of pastors? What is the role of everyone else?

What does 1 Cor. 12:14-27 say about our care for each other and serving others?

What does Peter say about serving in 1 Peter 4:10-11? How can you apply this?

Which motivates you most to serve others? Knowing that you have been 1) saved to serve, 2) commanded to serve or 3) equipped to serve? Explain why.

How can you serve at Rockpoint? 1st Impressions Team, Children’s Ministries, etc.

How can you serve outside of Rockpoint? Neighbors, co-workers, needy, etc.

Jesus is Our Model. He wants us to display FAITH as we serve others.

Faithful “I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.” John 17:4; See Matt. 25:21

Why is being faithful an important character quality in serving others?

Give an example of someone who demonstrated faithfulness when they served you.

Available “Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.” Philippians 2:3

Why is humility so important in serving others well? How do you describe humility?

Give an example of recent time you put another person before yourself?

Integrity “I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.” John 17:4

What area of your life are you most tempted to lack integrity? Why is this area hard?

Teachable “And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.” Luke 2:40

How teachable do you think you are? What keeps you from being more “teachable?”

Hopeful “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10b

Why is having and displaying HOPE so important to serving others well?

Share how you will ‘put on’ one of these qualities as you serve this week.

Discipleship Principles (10 min.)

Serve primarily from your giftedness & occasionally doing what is needed.

Discuss as a group: It is important to primarily serve out of your personal SHAPE (Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences). It is also important to serve occasionally in areas that are needed but may not be your ‘sweet spot.’

Accountability & Prayer (30 min.) Pray for each other

Break into two smaller groups (men & women)

Share how you’ve been in guarding your heart.

Share how you are doing in serving your family, friends & acquaintances.

III MISSIONAL LIVING (15 min.)

Serving others: Think of three people in your life who need to be served.

What is one or two ways you and/or your life group can meet one of those needs in practical ways this coming week?