

June 2021 CONNECTION GUIDE:

Topic: **Service** ~ Icebreaker questions ~ Scriptures ~ Group Discussion Questions

Icebreakers

- You have to sing karaoke, what song do you pick?
- What is your favorite tv show, movie, or song of all time?
- Who is someone who has been a good model of servanthood? How did they model service?

Jesus as servant

The Apostle Paul said that when a person becomes a follower of Jesus Christ (aka a Christian) they become spiritually alive; “just as Christ was raised from the dead ... we too may live a *new life*.” (Roman 6:4) So, how are Christians supposed to live this new life of faith, and what role does service play in that new life?

Mark 10:42-45 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁴² So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. ⁴³ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. ⁴⁵ 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.”

John 20:21-22 Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² After saying this, He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

John 13:12-17 New Century Version (NCV)

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, Jesus put on his clothes and sat down again. He asked, "Do you understand what I have just done for you?" ¹³ You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that is what I am. ¹⁴ If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I did this as an example so that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth, a servant is not greater than his master. A messenger is not greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you will be happy if you do them."

Discussion Questions

- **Why do you think Jesus came “to serve and not be served?”**
- **Since most people today wash their own feet, what are some equivalents in our day?**
- **In what ways can a life of servanthood be fulfilling and / or costly?**
- **What motivates you to serve? What hinders you from serving?**

Gifts to use in Service

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NLT)

⁴ There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. ⁶ God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. ⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

Spiritual Gifts

The following link will take you to a free Spiritual Gifts Inventory. Take your next step into knowing your spiritual gifts and experiencing the fulfillment of living out the purpose for which you were created.

<https://hgctools.com/sgifts/>

Deeper study and more resources

- John Maxwell on Servant Leadership: <https://www.thenivbible.com/blog/jesus-teaching-on-servant-leadership/>
- YouVersion Bible study: <https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/13208-path-of-greatness-a-journey-towards-servant-leader>

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