



CORE VALUES ~ Week 4 ~ Strategic Service

What are you always doing?

Then He said to them all, "If anyone wants to become My follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me." ~ Luke 9:23

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. - Philippians 2:3-4

But Jesus called them and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions use their authority over them. It must not be this way among you! Instead whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." ~ Matthew 20:25-28

For we are His creative work, having been created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared beforehand so we can do them. ~ Ephesians 2:10

Serving isn't just something we do, serving is who we are.

*Now you [collectively] are Christ's body, and individually [you are] members of it [each with his own special purpose and function].
~ 1 Corinthians 12:27 (Amplified)*

~ HENRI NOUWEN ~

"No Christian is a Christian without being a minister.

*Whatever form the Christian ministry takes, the basis is always the same:
to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

~ PASTOR RICK WARREN ~

*"If I have no love for others, no desire to serve others, and I'm only concerned about my needs, I should question whether Christ is really in my life.
A saved heart is one that wants to serve."*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which in translation means Dorcas). She was continually doing good deeds and acts of charity. ~ Acts 9:36

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. ~ John 13:14-17

Then He will say to those on His left, "Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels." ~ Matthew 25:41

Then the King will say to those on His right, "Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world." ~ Matthew 25:34

*Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?" And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness."
~ Matthew 7:21-23*

What are you always doing?

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ~ 1 Peter 4:10

*I heard the voice of the Lord say, "Whom will I send? Who will go on our behalf?"
I answered, "Here I am, send me!" ~ Isaiah 6:8*

The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith. - ACTS 6:7

Don't just ATTEND the church. BE the church.

**In light of what God has called us as a church to do corporately,
what do I need to do, specifically?**

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