

# Living Church: Serving Together in Love

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## Summary of the Message

Serving reveals the true identity of God's children. That means the awareness about emptying yourself, aiming to live as Christ did, serving others, looking to people's needs and helping them. Being a leader means to serve by example and as a Jesus Christ follower.

When we serve we get closer to those who are also serving and it creates stronger bonds than only occasional meetings and social events.

**Galatians 5:13** "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love".

**Matthew 20:26-28** "26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 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."

**Hebrews 10:24-25** "24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching".

**Ephesians 2:10** "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do".

**Matthew 5:16** "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven".

## Start Talking: Spark Conversation

1. Have you ever felt good after you have helped someone? Could you explain how you feel about that?
2. Which are your qualities and things you are good at? Name at least one thing.

## Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

1. Why do you think people are so unwilling about serving? Why do you?
2. If you could be the best one at doing something, what would it be? How could you help people through that?

## Start Sharing

1. Share about a biblical person who is an example of having a servant heart. How could you relate to them?

## Start Doing: Commit to Act

1. How could you overcome the obstacles that keep you unwilling to serve?
2. Which are the areas or positions you could serve in the church ?

## **Praying.**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of living in community. Help us to serve one another with a humble heart. Teach us to be obedient to your voice and have stronger relationships so we can reveal the love of Christ to everyone around. Heal the wounds, take out the fear and shame that prevents us from serving, transform our ego and change our hearts. That's our prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.

## Announcements:

- Be part of our team - become a volunteer
- HOP every friday 7pm at Formation Center
- Give your offering through Contribua, it goes straight to The Way Ministry.
- The Way Camp - First Batch on sale R\$ 340 (3x)