



SERVING



BREAKING IT DOWN

Read Matthew 25:34-40

The above verses are known as a parable. Many times Jesus would tell stories to make a point, those stories were called parables. A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. This particular parable is called "The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats." In this story Jesus reminds us not only "why" we serve but "who" we serve.

Whenever we see someone in need we should do the best we can to serve them. We are reminded in this story that when we help those in need we are really serving God. Ephesians 6:7 tells us to, "Do your work with enthusiasm. Work as if you were serving the Lord, not as if you were serving only men and women."

Jesus even led us by example. He didn't come to this earth to be served but to serve others. We need to follow that example.

Can you think for a minute about what ministry you are serving in? Maybe you are serving the children's ministry by being a helper in a classroom. Maybe you are serving with your parents in a ministry by helping keep the church campus clean. Maybe you are serving as a greeter at a service. Or maybe, just maybe, you can't think of a ministry you are serving in.

I'm not talking about a one time type of a ministry. You know, you stay after on Sunday to clean up the classroom because your leader asked you to. No, I'm talking about a regular ministry of service.

BREAKING OUT



Select one verse below that you best understand and memorize it this week.

1 Peter 4:10 GWT

"Each of you as a good manager must use the gift that God has given you to serve others."

Ephesians 6:7 NCV

"Do your work with enthusiasm. Work as if you were serving the Lord, not as if you were serving only men and women."

Matthew 20:28 NCV

"In the same way, the Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many people."

I have memorized my verse and I have recited it to...

This verse is important to me because...

My life will be different now that I know these things about Serving because I will...



BREAKING OUT

Since we will all be serving in ministry at our church in the near future we should do a kind of "get acquainted with our church" quiz. It's simple, just answer the following questions.

1. What is our Pastor's first name?
2. What is our church's phone number?
3. Write down the start time of a Sunday Service.
4. What is the full name of our church?
5. What year did our church begin?
6. How many kids attend our church on the weekend?
7. How many classrooms does our church have?

BREAKING IT APART



Volunteer to serve with all your heart

Romans 12:11 NCV says, "Do not be lazy but work hard, serving the Lord with all your heart."

What does it mean to "serve the Lord with all your heart?"

Enthusiastically serve the Lord

Read Ephesians 6:7. When we serve others, who are we really serving?

Select one phrase from the capital letters in the word **SERVE** that is most important to you and write it out. An example would be "S" for Serve each other with the right attitude.

Why is this phrase important to you right now?
This phrase is important to me because...



BREAKING IT APART

The phrases below talk about Serving. Look up the verses and answer the following questions.

Serve each other with the right attitude

Read Galatians 5:13. According to this verse, what attitude should we have when we serve each other?

Example of service is Jesus

According to Matthew 20:28, what was one of the reasons why Jesus came to the earth?

Remember, we use our gifts to serve others

1 Peter 4:10 says we all have received a gift from God. According to this same verse, how should we use our gift?

List 3 ways you can personally serve others this week.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

BREAKING IT DOWN



Service, you can say, happens weekly or every few days. For example, every Sunday you help with the puppet ministry at 11:00. You are on time, have the right attitude and want to serve.

If you think that you are not serving in a ministry you are probably right and that's great! At least you realize it! The question now is, "what are you going to do about it?" We are going to spend the next few minutes exploring why we need to serve and how we can serve. As you work through this lesson begin to think how you can best be used by God to serve others.



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