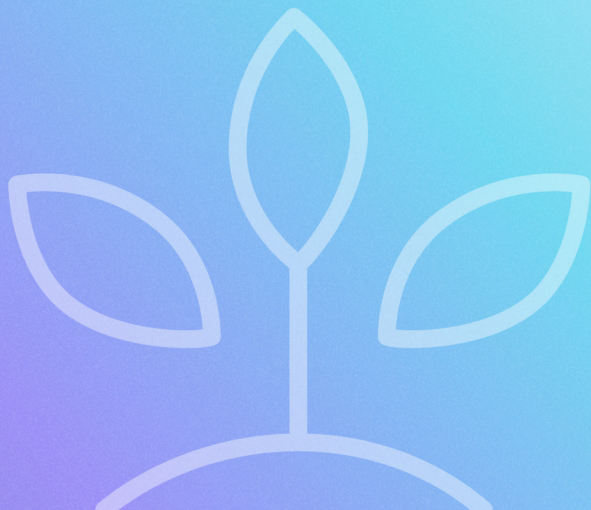




Use Your Freedom and Gifts to Serve One Another

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WELCOME: Fixing Our Focus

Suggested Icebreaker:

Ask a member of your GG to share a blessed experience of being served by a Christian brother or sister, especially during a challenging or difficult situation. Share how that experience contributed to your spiritual growth and how you've been motivated to discover and use your spiritual gift to love and serve others.

WORSHIP: Adoring Our God

Suggested songs:

- [More Like Jesus](#)
- [Make Me a Servant](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members learn that Christ has set us free from sin (the yoke of slavery), and as believers, we are to use such freedom not to sin but to serve one another through love.
2. GG members learn to steward their spiritual gift(s) and use them to serve one another in church.

INTRODUCTION

The motif of “serving one another in love” or the “law of love” is explicit in Galatians 5:13-15. The Christian life is a life of freedom rather than enslavement, as many would believe. Freedom in Christ does not mean we can do whatever we feel like doing (libertinism) or use it as an opportunity to follow our fallen, sinful desires. When Christ saved us, He also gave us the power, through the Holy Spirit, to resist the many sinful desires the world offers.

Believers have been freed to serve one another (Galatians 5:13)

Paul reminded the believers in Galatia, “For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another”. In the same way, we who have put our faith in Jesus for our salvation have also been called to serve one another through love.

1. The New Testament frequently reminds believers to serve one another. As a Christian, how would you rate yourself in the area of service? Why?
2. How can you lovingly confront Christians who tend to be more legalistic or participate in “questionable” practices or behaviors without being bothered in their conscience?
3. According to Paul, how do freedom and love work together in service? What should freedom in Christ produce?

Application:

The freedom for which Christ freed us is the freedom to live a life of righteousness in the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to live in righteousness inside-out and to give you the ability to serve others through love. This week, intentionally serve others in the church, especially those going through hard times.

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Believers have been gifted to serve one another (1 Peter 4:10)

The apostle Peter emphasizes in his letter that all believers are called to be good stewards of God's varied grace. According to Peter, all believers have received at least one spiritual gift from God. Believers are not to keep this gift to themselves but to faithfully steward it by serving one another.

1. What is a spiritual gift? How is it different from talent?
2. How does serving (using your spiritual gift) help encourage and strengthen the faith of others, especially those who are suffering for their faith in Christ?
3. Why are some believers reluctant to serve or use their spiritual gift(s)? How can you motivate others to use their gift by serving others in the church?

Application:

Imagine what it would be like if every church member actively served one another using their spiritual gift(s). God is glorified and the church is edified. If you are already using your spiritual gift(s) to serve one another, praise God for your faithfulness in stewarding His varied grace! If you still need to do so, what is preventing you from using your spiritual gift(s) to serve others? Start by doing a spiritual gift inventory. Ask your GG leader or your pastor for help.

PRAYER ITEM

Pray and ask God to help you recognize opportunities to serve the church. Ask God to remove the fear in your heart and replace your reluctance with boldness so you can actively participate in any ministry opportunity. Pray that God will make you open and willing and that He grants you the grace to steward well whatever He has entrusted unto you. ■



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