

BIBLE STUDY #14

Being a Servant

The lesson last week focused on the importance of service. This week the focus will be on finding a service task for your project this semester.

This will be an extremely important decision requiring a significant amount of thought and prayer.

HOW TO SERVE

Read **Psalm 100:2**. How does this short passage say we are to serve? (Hint: this says "worship" in the NIV, "serve" in the NASB.)

Read **Galatians 5:13**. How does this short passage say we are to serve?

God obviously wants our best efforts and attitudes when serving.

YOUR PROJECT

Your project for this semester is to select a service project and commit to complete it by the end of this semester. Your project must be approved by your group leader. You will also want to make this project a part of your weekly prayer requests for the group.

Listed below are some suggestions, but you can be as creative as you like.

1. Volunteer to help people in your church who can't afford to pay for help:
 - a. yard work
 - b. babysitting
 - c. washing cars
 - d. house cleaning
 - e. laundry
2. Prepare meals for those who are sick or recovering from an illness.
3. Help a younger child in your neighborhood with homework.
4. Write regular letters to college students encouraging them in the Lord.
5. Prepare/send care packages to college students.
6. Send regular notes to your minister(s) to encourage them.
7. Volunteer to help a minister (refer to suggestions listed in item 1).
8. Volunteer to help a teacher before/after school.
9. Volunteer to help clean up trash on the school grounds or in the cafeteria on a regular basis.

10. Volunteer to help clean up the auditorium after church services (pick up bulletins, trash, etc.)
11. Volunteer to greet students/parents at the front door at school or at church.
12. Volunteer to greet senior adults outside as they come to church—open the car door for them.
13. Volunteer to help with Wednesday evening meals at church—serve food, pick up trays, clean tables, etc.

This project needs to be something of real significance. It is not a one-time deal. It must be something you can begin and continue through the remainder of this semester.

You will need to decide what you wish to do prior to your next group meeting. Be ready to share this with the group.

What service project are you choosing to do?

List the specifics about how you plan to accomplish your project. How are you going to plan? Promote? Begin? End?

APPROVAL SIGNATURES

The following approval needs to be attained at your next group meeting:

As the group leader of "SECOND STEP," I have approved this student's project as it is, or with the modifications listed below, on this date: _____.

Group Leader Initials: _____

If any modifications or suggestions are made by the group leader, they should be listed below:

WAYS TO SERVE

As you prepare to begin your project, it is wise to remind yourself that God expects you to serve in a Christ-like manner.

Read **Philippians 2:3-5**. What do these verses say about "how" we are to serve?

Read **Matthew 20:28**. What does this passage say about Jesus' mission here on earth?

May all that you do in this assignment be done with a Christian attitude and with a sincere desire to advance the kingdom of God. May God richly bless you and your service for Him.

Overall, what do you think/feel God is saying to you through this lesson?

ASSIGNMENTS

- _____ 1. **Scripture Memory: Philippians 2:3 (NIV)**, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourself." (NIV)
- _____ 2. **Bible Study: #14**
- _____ 3. **Quiet Time:** Have at least five quiet times this week.
- _____ 4. **Project 2:** Choose a service project for the remainder of the semester according to the guidelines set forth in the lesson above.