



**Miracle Growth: Stepping up to the Plate**

**Mark 10:35-45**

Why should we serve?

1. Because God saves every Christian to serve.

**Ephesians 2:10**

Do you have a “*reason*” **not** to serve?

**1 Corinthians 1:27-28**

2. Because God equips every Christian to serve.

**1 Peter 4:10-11**

3. Because God blesses every Christian when they serve.

✓ Service will help you **grow**. **Ephesians 4:11-16**

The more we serve like Christ the more we become Christ like.

✓ God will **honor you who serve**. **Ephesians 6:7-8**

⇒ **Homework:** Fill out the survey from the bulletin on service. It will help you think through your SHAPE for service. We studied that in Rick Warren’s Purpose Driven series: Why on Earth am I here for? Turn it in and we will look it over and help plug you into service.

*Find a need and meet it*

*A non-serving Christian is a contradiction of terms!*

Next Week: Growing in Worship - Mark 12:30-31  
Colossians 3:17-23 & Romans 6:13

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**August's Memory Verse** – *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* **1Thessalonians 5:16-18**

### Monday 8/22- Read Matthew 20:22-28

**Question:** Specifically, who is Jesus asking me to serve?

**Truth:** *Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, Vs.26*

**Meditate:** Matthew 20:28- *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.*”

**Prayer:** Lord, show me where you want me to serve and empower me to do it joyfully.

**Action:** ...serve one another humbly in love. Galatians 5:13

**Who** is God asking me to serve in love:

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### Tuesday 8/23- Read Mark 12:29-31

**Question:** How would someone know by examining my life that this two-part commandment is the driving force in my life?

**Truth:** I have learned to love God and love others by....

**Meditate:** Mark 10:45 - *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*”

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to show my love in a practical way by serving others.

**Action:** *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 can** serve one of my neighbors by:

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### Wednesday 8/24- Read Romans 12:1-21

**Question:** How is serving others a way of “offering your body” to God??

**Truth:** *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.* Vs. 1

**Meditate:** Romans 12:11- *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.*

**Praise:** *For from him and through him and for him are all things.*

*To him be the glory forever! Amen.* Romans 11:36

**Action:** *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.* Romans 12:21

**What** God is telling me:

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### Thursday 8/25- Read Matthew 25:31-46

**Question:** *Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?*

**Truth:** *“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”* Vs. 40

**Meditate:** Matthew 25:34- *“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.*

**Prayer:** Lord, I will love and serve you by loving and serving others.

**Action:** Loving God by loving others

**What** God is asking me to do:

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### Friday 8/26- Read John 13:34-35

**Question:** What opportunities am I finding to love and serve one another?

**Truth:** *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*

**Meditate:** John 13:35- *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

**Prayer:** Father God, I will glorify your Name by loving others.

**Action:** *Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.* Romans 12:10

**Who** will I share God's love with today:

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