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RHYTHMS



Spiritual Formation

The **Spirit** of God is forming the **people** of God
more & more into the **Son** of God's likeness.





What is Jesus like?

▶ Seven “I AM”

- Bread of Life
- Light of the World
- Door of the Sheep
- Good Shepherd
- Resurrection & Life
- Way, Truth & Life
- True Vine

▶ Seven Miracles

- Turning Water into Wine
- Healing the Nobleman’s Son
- Healing the Man at the Pool
- Feeding of the 5,000
- Walking on Water
- Healing a Man Born Blind
- Resurrecting Lazarus

▶ Seven Encounters

- Nicodemus
- Woman at the Well
- Woman Caught in Adultery
- Mary of Bethany
- Pilate
- Thomas
- Peter



Spiritual Rhythms

Unplug

Fasting // Simplicity // Solitude // Silence // Sabbath

Engage

Prayer // Word // Confession // Worship // **Service**



John 13:1 ^{NIV}

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.





Love

“Agape”



Definition

To serve a person for their good and intrinsic value, not for what the person brings you



Opposite

Fear, self-protection & abusing people



Counterfeit

Selfish affection not to a person, but to how a person’s love makes you feel about yourself



John 13:2-3 ^{NIV}

The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so...



John 13:4-5 NIV

...so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.



Philippians 2:6-8 NIV

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something
to be used to his own advantage;
⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!



John 13:12-17 ^{NIV}

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”



Here for Good

Permanence - Good for the church

Purpose - Good for others

Pleasure - Good for you





Life *of* Service

Family

Husbands, love your wives... (Eph 5:25)

Friends

Greater love has no one than this, that they lay down their life for their friends. (John 15:13)

Neighbors

Love your neighbor as yourself... (Matt 22:39)

Co-Workers

The kings of the gentiles lord it over them... but not so with you. (Luke 22:25-26)

Community

You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world. (Matt 5:13-14)

Church

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13:35)



Serving Together in Community

Belong, Grow, **Serve**, Multiply

Within your small group

At church (Worship One. Serve One.)

In our community

Global workers



Serving Caveats



Be Healthy - The greenhouse is good

Be Prayerful - A need is not a call

Be Open - Practice your serve



Insert Serving Video



Why Serve?

Blessed to be a blessing

Use gifts that God has given me

Connect with others in the church body

Invest in future generations





Worship One. Serve One.

● Number of Leaders Needed

20 Special Needs & Disabilities

47 Early Childhood (Birth-5 years)

30 Elementary (K-6th)

14 Student Ministry (7th-12th)

∞ Adult Small Groups

10 Ushers

25 Prayer Team

10 Communion

15 Greeters

13 Tech



Jesus, thank you for pouring out your life on earth and leaving me an example to follow.

Holy Spirit, please transform me more into the image of Christ. Please empower me to live a life of service like my Savior. Please purify my motives as I serve, not serving others for my benefit but solely for their good.

Heavenly Father, please use me as a vessel for your kingdom. Use me as I serve with others in community. May I serve my family, my church, my community, and the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

