

REFLECTION GUIDE: BECOMING A SERVANT

1. Opening Thought

"Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the Law and the Prophets." — *Matthew 7:12*

Serving others is not just about doing good — it's about *becoming like Jesus*, learning to see others through His eyes, and letting our faith take shape through love in action.

2. Icebreaker Question

Who has been an example to you of humble, Christlike service?
 What about their attitude or actions made them stand out?

3. Read Together

Philippians 2:3–5, Luke 10:25–37, Matthew 25:31–46

4. Reflection & Discussion

A. The Posture of Service — Philippians 2:3–5

"In humility value others above yourselves... the same mindset as Christ Jesus." Discuss:

- 1. What makes humility difficult in our culture today?
- 2. How does valuing others above ourselves change how we serve?
- 3. What might it look like to "have the same mindset as Christ Jesus" in practical, daily life?

Key Truth: True service begins in the heart — when we adopt Jesus' posture of humility.

B. The Practice of Service — Luke 10:25–37 (The Good Samaritan)

Contrast Avoidance (do no harm) vs. Engagement (do good).

- 1. Who are the "neighbors" we tend to avoid or overlook?
- 2. What keeps us from engaging when we see a need?
- 3. How does compassion move us beyond comfort into action?

Application: Serving like Jesus means *stepping toward* others — not away

C. The Proof of Service — Matthew 25:31–46

"Whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me."

Discuss:

- What does this passage reveal about the connection between faith and works?
- 2. How is our love for Jesus revealed in how we treat others?
- 3. How might this perspective change the way you view acts of kindness and service?

Key Truth: Our faith is revealed by the *fruit* it produces — not by words, but by love in action.

D. The Power of Evidence — 1 John 3:14-19

"Let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions."

Discuss:

- 1. What does it mean that "faith is evidence, not earning"?
- 2. What kind of "fruit" shows that Christ's life is active in us?
- 3. If someone looked at the fruit of your life, what would it say about the root of your faith?

Key Truth: The root (our life in Christ) is unseen, but the fruit (our love and mercy) proves it's alive.

5. Life Application — WHO and HOW

- WHO is God calling you to serve this week?
 (Think of someone specific a neighbor, coworker, family member, or "least of these.")
- HOW can you serve them in a way that reflects Christ's love and humility? (Consider a practical action — time, encouragement, generosity, or simply presence.)

Challenge:

Write down one act of service you will do this week to reflect the heart of Jesus. Pray for courage and compassion to follow through.

6. Group Prayer

Invite the group to pray together:

- Thank God for serving us first through Jesus.
- Ask for His Spirit to give us eyes to see needs and hearts to respond.
- Pray for a renewed desire to live out faith that acts humbly, joyfully, and intentionally.

[&]quot;Lord Jesus, give us Your eyes to see, Your heart to care, and Your hands to serve."