

## Homework and Sermon Study Guide

**Sermon Series:** The Church Has Left the Building - Serve The World

**Big Idea:** We're called to be full-service Christians in a self-serve world.

**Main Passage:**

Galatians 5:13-15: "For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another."

**Serving the world in four "easy" steps:**

Jesus came to serve (Mark 10:45).

We've been set free to serve (Gal. 5:13).

Service is a response rooted in love (Gal. 6:9-10, 1 Pet. 4:10).

God sees your service (Heb. 6:10, 1 Cor. 15:58).

**What?**

What insights or observations did you learn from this weekend's message? What did you find helpful, eye opening, or troubling?

Read Matthew 25:35-40. Jesus is telling a story of a king who finds his servants not being attentive to the needs of people. The king represents Jesus himself. Why do you think that Jesus is so interconnected with people that when we don't love them and serve them it's as if we're not serving Him?

John 14:15. What do you think it is about loving God and loving others that produces service and obedience?

**So What?**

Reflect on the model of service presented in the sermon. The final "step" deals with God's watchfulness over our service. Is this refreshing or intimidating? Why?

Can you truly serve the world well without a foundation of love for God and a mindset of love for others?

Sometimes we convince ourselves in our pride that our sharp comments set people straight. What does Paul, the author of Galatians, say that has the potential to do?

Freedom and service sound contradictory. How is it that Jesus freed us to serve?

## **Do What?**

What are some character traits of individuals that really make it difficult for you to serve them?

How do you think Jesus would serve them or any one else in our community?

Brainstorm some things you would love to see the church do in service to our world. THEN be ready to own them. Note: *Group leaders please email these ideas to david@fccdc.com.*

Is there anything you need to do as a result of what you've learned this week?

If you want some resources to help you discover how you can serve the church and the world contact David Barber, Discipleship Minister at david@fccdc.com.

## **Scriptures for further study or memorization:**

*Use these as a reference for digging deeper about why and how to serve the world.*

### **Mark 10:45**

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

### **Galatians 5:13**

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

### **Galatians 6:9-10**

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

### **1 Peter 4:10**

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

### **Hebrews 6:10**

For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.

### **1 Corinthians 15:58b**

Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.