

SCC Small Group Discussion
Catechism – Becoming More Like Jesus
Q5: *Why should I serve others?*

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Getting Started:

Can you think of a time when someone's act of service made you feel genuinely seen or cared for?

What impact did it have on you?

Exploring the Answer in God's Word:

A: God has shaped me to play a part in changing the world.

Through spiritual gifts, opportunities to care, and authentic relationships, God calls and equips me to love the world and make disciples.

The five devotions this week in our free booklet focus on the following Scriptures that relate to this topic. As a group discuss how to apply them to your life.

- I. *"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."* Micah 6:8

Do you think these three qualities (act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God) encompass everything that the Lord requires of us?

How do they shape your motivations in serving others?

- II. *"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."* Mark 10:45

What does it mean for us to follow a Savior who defines his mission through service rather than status? How does it reshape your understanding of greatness and leadership?

How do you apply the idea of giving your life for the sake of others? Frame your answer in terms of putting other's needs ahead of your own.

III. *“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.”* John 12:24-26

In what ways have you seen God bring fruit or growth out of acts of selfless service?

What do you think being honored by the Father for serving Jesus looks like?

IV. *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 2:3-5

Describe the mindset of Jesus. How does it inspire you?

How can we cultivate humility and valuing others in our daily relationships? Share some ideas with one another.

- V. *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen”* 1 Peter 4:10-11

Share a recent example of something about your personality, gifts, or life experiences that helped another person in a meaningful way?”

How does this final focus on service circle back to the first topic “Why am I here”? Do you think the opportunities you’ve had so far to serve others in Jesus’ love and power have helped you identify some of your purpose and brought glory to God? What have you learned about yourself in this process?

To help you internalize these truths be sure to do this week’s daily devotions and reflections. Pray for one another as you seek to apply what God is showing you.

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