

# LifeGroup Leader Discussion Guide:

## The Effects of Serving Others

### Study Summary (Set the Tone)

The highest position in Jesus' kingdom isn't influence, recognition, or power—it's servanthood. Jesus redefined greatness as humility in action. When we serve others with His heart, it creates a ripple effect: we become more like Him, we are personally blessed, others are impacted, and ultimately God is glorified.

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### 1. THE IMITATION EFFECT (Serving Others Mimics Jesus)

**Read:** Philippians 2:5–7

#### Discussion Question

In what ways did Jesus model servanthood during His time on earth?  
(See John 13:1–17, Mark 9:37, Hebrews 8:1–2)

#### Leader Insights

Help your group move from abstract answers (“He helped people”) to **specific, tangible examples**:

- Washing the disciples' feet (humility + meeting practical needs)
- Welcoming and valuing the overlooked (children, outcasts)
- Serving as our High Priest (ongoing spiritual care and intercession)

Encourage them to notice:

- Jesus *chose* to serve (it wasn't forced)
- He served both physically and spiritually
- He served even those who would fail or betray Him

#### Follow-up Question

How can I intentionally serve someone this week in a way that reflects Jesus?

## Leader Coaching Tip

If the group gets stuck, offer categories:

- At home (family, spouse, roommates)
- At work/school
- In church
- In the community

Push for **specific, actionable commitments**, not general intentions.

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## 2. THE BOOMERANG EFFECT (Serving Others Blesses Me)

**Read:** Proverbs 11:25

### Discussion Question

How could you apply the principle of Proverbs 11:25 to serving others?

### Leader Insights

Clarify that this is **not prosperity theology**, but a spiritual principle:

- Blessing isn't always material—it's often internal or relational
- God reshapes our hearts as we serve

### Group Brainstorm

Come up with 5 ways God might bless you through serving others.

### Possible Answers to Guide Them

- Increased joy and fulfillment
- Deeper relationships and community
- Spiritual growth and maturity
- Greater sense of purpose
- Experiencing God's presence in meaningful ways

### Leader Coaching Tip

If needed, share a short personal example of how serving has shaped your own life—this often unlocks honesty in the group.

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### 3. THE RIPPLE EFFECT (Serving Others Blesses Others)

**Read:** Matthew 5:16

#### Discussion Question

Who in my life has been impacted by someone's act of service? Share your story.

#### Leader Insights

This is a **story-driven moment**—don't rush it.

Encourage:

- Personal experiences (not hypothetical answers)
- Emotional connection ("how did it affect you?")

If the group is quiet, you go first.

#### Follow-up Question

How might serving someone encourage that person spiritually?

#### Key Points to Draw Out

Serving can:

- Restore hope
- Open hearts to God
- Demonstrate God's love in action
- Make faith tangible and believable

#### Leader Coaching Tip

Help the group connect the dots:

**Our small acts → God's big impact**

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### 4. THE SPOTLIGHT EFFECT (Serving Others Glorifies God)

**Read:** 1 Peter 4:10–11

## Discussion Question

What role does God's grace and strength play in our effectiveness in serving?

## Leader Insights

Emphasize:

- We don't serve in our own strength
- Spiritual gifts are given by God, not earned
- God empowers what He calls us to do

Serving becomes sustainable when it's **Spirit-empowered, not self-powered**

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## Follow-up Question

How can I shift conversations or recognition toward God when others notice my serving?

## Practical Examples

- "I'm just grateful God gave me the chance to help."
- "Honestly, God's been teaching me a lot through this."
- "I couldn't do it without His help."

## Leader Coaching Tip

This isn't about false humility—it's about **redirecting glory naturally and authentically**.

## THE BIG SERVE:

As a next step, talk together as a group about how you might be involved together in The Big Serve. You can choose a project that Creekside is offering or choose your own!

Dates to Serve in 2026: May 30 – June 6