

SERVE PURPOSEFULLY

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DON'T
FORGET
THE
"WHY"

INTRODUCTION

In the second week of our series, Pastor John shares three reasons why we should serve purposefully: because Jesus served us, we were made for this, and our Little Iowa needs to see Jesus. When we serve purposefully, we meet people, build community, find our "sweet spot" for serving and receive many other benefits. Serving purposefully moves the needle in God's Kingdom and our hearts.

DISCUSSION

1. **Read Matthew 20:20-28.** In what ways do we act like Zebedee's mother, wanting to be served instead of serving others? Why is it sometimes hard to serve others?
2. In Matthew 20:26 Jesus said, "Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant." What does it look like to serve purposefully in our culture?
3. What are some ways you may be able to serve purposefully in your Little Iowa? If you are already serving, how could you expand your service in your church or community?
4. What benefits you have experienced from serving purposefully, and how has it impacted your faith life?

DO SOMETHING

1. In your quiet time with God this week, pray about how you could purposefully serve the people in your Little Iowa. Take steps to begin serving where God is leading you.
2. Discuss with your small group how you can serve purposefully in this season: calling shut-ins, bringing food to families impacted by the weather or covid, etc.
3. If someone in your life has impacted you through serving purposefully, thank them through a call, note or text.

RESOURCES

1. From "Serving Your Family First" to "Surprising People with How Much They Matter," the seven-day video series entitled [7 Day Experiment](#) by John Maxwell on [RightNow Media](#) will help you kick start your life of intentionality.
2. In his book [Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living](#), Chuck Swindoll offers clear guidelines on developing a servant's heart and challenges you to realize the rich rewards promised in a life of authentic Christian servanthood.
3. Check out this [short, inspirational video](#) on [RightNow Media](#) on how serving helped a teenage girl through a rough time in her life.