

YOUR NEXT Step

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SERVE *Purposefully*

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INTRODUCTION

In week two of our series *Your Next Step*, Pastor Jesse encouraged us to serve purposefully. When we serve, God moves us closer to discovering our purpose in His story. We build community with others around a common mission and are able to make a lasting difference in God's No Matter story.

DISCUSSION

1. **Read John 1:46.** Pastor Jesse explained how we sometimes mirror Nathanael ("Can anything good come from there?") or Philip ("Come and see"). Share about a season in your life where you've played a role similar to Nathanael or Philip when it comes to serving in the church.
2. **Read Mark 3:13-19.** Pastor Jesse pointed out that as we take the next step to serve purposefully, we get to take part in a team and build community around a common mission. Have you experienced this community in any area of your life? Why is this an important aspect of being a Jesus-follower?
3. Why is it crucial to take the step from being a church attendee only to someone who serves the church with intentionality? What changes happen in ourselves when we take this crucial step?
4. **Read Mark 1:16-20.** What kind of example do Simon, Andrew, James and John set for us in these verses? How can we be "fishers of men" through purposeful service?

DO SOMETHING

1. If serving purposefully is your next step, begin praying about where you could serve at PLC. Commit to taking this step in 2020.
2. Are you already serving purposefully? Your next step may be to invite someone else to serve alongside you. Pray about whom you could ask to join you and commit to reaching out to that person.
3. In your personal time with God this week, read 1 Peter 4:10-11. Reflect on what this means in relation to your service at church. How can these verses impact the way you serve and make a lasting difference?

RESOURCES

1. Visit prairielakeschurch.org/serve or your campus's Next Steps Center to learn about serving opportunities and sign up.
2. *Gifted for Love* is a six-week teaching series on [RightNow Media](#) by Pastor Matt Chandler. This series can be utilized to learn more about our spiritual gifts and how they can serve the church.