



Sermon Notes: How Do I Serve My Church?

1. Two motives for serving.

a. Guilt.

b. Gospel.

2. Two attitudes of serving.

a. Gratitude.

b. Humility.

3. Two barriers to serving.

a. Selfishness.

b. Busyness.

4. Two categories of serving.

a. Standing needs.

b. Spontaneous needs.

5. Two means of serving.

a. Speaking.

b. Doing.

6. Two questions for serving.

a. "What do you need?"

b. "How does God want to use me?"

Have the willingness to do *anything* and the wisdom to focus on *something*.



Gospel Applications: How Do I Serve My Church?

1. What are some ways you could discover the needs of others around you? Which of these do you think is the best way – and why?
2. What are some reasons why you serve others? What do you think motivates your acts of service now?
3. How do you feel when someone recognizes and praises your service? How do you feel when you serve and nobody seems to notice or care? What's your takeaway from this?
4. What are some things (both internally and externally) that hinder you from serving others? What is the single greatest barrier to you serving more – or serving more consistently?
5. Functionally, what are you saying by scheduling yourself so busy that you don't have any margin to serve your church family? In the biblical analogies of family and body, what is the effect of a member who doesn't serve?
6. Is it better to serve with a lingering sense of guilt or not at all? Explain.
7. Negatively, what are some subtle ways serving others could still be all about self? Positively, what are some benefits (to yourself) of serving others?
8. What are some "standing needs" of the church? What does your ministry look like in at least one of these areas? What's one thing you could do this week to be more intentional about serving in that ministry area?
9. Dream big. If time and money were not an issue, and success was guaranteed, and you could serve the church in one way that would be both fulfilling to you and helpful to others, what would you want to do? How could you take one step toward that "dream job" this week? Who will you share this with so that we can collaborate?