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Life Group Study Questions

For the week of April 23, 2023

Next Week's Sermon and Life Group Study Questions: The Church has left the building to serve! Though there are no in-person services on any campus this coming weekend, April 29 & 30, there will still be a message posted on northcoastchurch.com along with Life Group Study Questions for your group to discuss during "Love Week" of Serve Your City.

Special note about this week's Life Group discussion: This week we get to put John 7:38 into practice and be vessels for living water to flow into our community as we participate in our churchwide Serve Your City campaign. For our Life Group discussion, we are using the sermon to propel us into our weekend of serving.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MY STORY

1. As we prepare to go and serve our city this week, what reason do you give family, friends, and coworkers when asked the question, "Why are you serving?"
2. In the sermon, we learned more about the joyful celebration on the last day of the feast. Can you think of a time when you were full of joy celebrating something? What was the reason for the celebration? Who was there? What types of things did you do to celebrate? In what ways did you document or archive the memories?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. From this weekend's passage, Jesus again calls those who are thirsty to come to Him for a drink of living water. Once we have had our thirst quenched by the source of living water, our response is to live in a way that impacts others through our actions and life choices. As we prepare to go out and serve our city, read through the following verses as your "hype music" to get you fueled and ready to unleash compassion in our community.

2 Corinthians 5:14 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

Galatians 5:13-14 New International Version (NIV)

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

1 Samuel 12:24 New International Version (NIV)

²⁴ But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.

Hebrews 13:16 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Galatians 6:9 New International Version (NIV)

⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

1 John 4:19 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

Which of the above verses do you find the most compelling? Why?

If you could only choose one, which verse would best describe how you want to be known?

Take a minute to rewrite the verse in your own words. How do you see this impacting your relationships and how could you put it into practice in your daily life?

2. Through participating in Serve Your City, we have the opportunity to allow rivers of living water to flow through us. Our posture and attitude in our service will speak loudly wherever we serve. Read Colossians 3:22-24 and Ephesians 6:5-8, where Paul talks about the relationship and posture of service between slaves and their masters.

Colossians 3:22-24 New International Version (NIV)

²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Ephesians 6:5-8 New International Version (NIV)

⁵ Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. ⁶ Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸ because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

What are some indicators that would make it obvious that someone is serving or working wholeheartedly? Can you think of someone you know who exemplifies this trait/work ethic? How does it impact their work? How does it impact their reputation?

Spinning it the other way, can you think of what it looks like when someone's work ethic or habits are dependent on whether the boss is present or absent?

Did reading these two passages give you any new insight or encouragement as you go into serving this weekend?

PRAY FOR SERVE YOUR CITY

This week, thousands of North Coasters will be heading out into the community to serve our cities in the name of Jesus! Take some time at the end of your group meeting to pray for Serve Your City.

Please pray:

- That everyone serving will catch the joy of serving and serve wholeheartedly at every site!
- That even this week, more will volunteer to fill any openings we may have at projects in need of labor.
- For a fun and safe time serving alongside one another in unity of purpose to meet real needs in our community.
- For a job well done at each site, meeting or exceeding the expectations and needs of each organization.
- That those we're serving will see the love of Jesus in us in words, actions, and attitude.

AMEN.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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