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## Life Group Study Questions

For the week of April 30, 2023

**Making a Difference:** Watch [this three-minute video](#) from Chris Brown before your Life Group discussion this week.

### SERVE YOUR CITY REFLECTION

1. Reflecting on your experience, what was the most memorable part of your time serving at your project site?
2. During your project, did you learn something new about yourself or about someone from our group?
3. Was there someone you served alongside who made an impact on you because of their attitude, skill, or posture during serving?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. While Serve Your City is an incredible campaign of thousands of North Coasters impacting our community in one massive effort, we still desire as followers and imitators of Christ, to live lives of daily service to God and others. Read Romans 12:9-13 which provides instruction on how we can love and serve well.

**Romans 12:9-13 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. <sup>11</sup> Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

In what ways did you see these verses put into practice this past weekend?

As you think about the community around you (family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, etc.), is there somewhere or someone in your life or on your path that might benefit from an intentional act of love this week?

2. We just had the incredible opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community through our Serve Your City campaign. We moved from being hearers of God's word to being doers of His Word as Larry encouraged us to do in this week's sermon. Read the following verses. Just like we had a supplies list of what to bring with us for our Serve Your City project, what "supplies" can you add to your life's toolbox from the following verses about God's Word?

**James 1:22-25 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

**Psalms 119:105 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

**Matthew 7:24-27 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>24</sup> "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

From these verses, what encouragement seems most applicable in your current season?

Pastor Larry asked the question, "Is the Bible true?" Then, he went on to ask the second question, "Does my life match my verdict?" What is one area of your life that could be used as evidence of your verdict?

## PRAYER

Spend some time as a group thanking God for the opportunity to be His ambassadors in our community. Pray that the ripple effect of these last three weeks will continue to impact others.

Pray for....

... those you served - that they may see God's love and take steps to know Him.

... the specific organizations we partnered with in serving - that they may continue to be effective in meeting community needs.

... North Coast - that we may continue to grow in our effectiveness in reaching our community for Jesus and be a place where people want to grow and bring their friends.

... yourself - that you may know how to serve others with the attitude of Christ and have opportunities to tell others about Him.



**Share Your Story with us!** Did you participate in Serve Your City? We would love to hear your story. Scan the QR code to let us know about how God worked through you and the impact that was made when you stepped out in faith.