



## Serving Together

Purpose Statement: We are an authentic, relevant, Bible-based church that welcomes everyone and desires to grow and SERVE TOGETHER.

**Title is actually incorrect. It should be “slaving together.”** Greek word is DOULOS which is simply a slave for Christ.

Galatians 5:13 (NLT) *For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.*

### Serving God and each other better...

What does a slave look like? How do they think? What do they do?

- Slaves know that serving God is one of the best ways to WITNESS.

1 Thessalonians 1:8-10 (NLT) *<sup>8</sup> And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it, <sup>9</sup> for they keep talking about the wonderful welcome you gave us and how you turned away from idols to serve the living and true God. <sup>10</sup> And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven—Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment.*

- Slaves know that serving God is not a POSITION but a PRIVILEGE.

1 Corinthians 9:19 (NLT) *Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ.*

- Slaves know that serving God is more about HOW I do what I do, than simply WHAT I do.

Ephesians 6:5-8 (NLT) *<sup>5</sup> Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ. <sup>6</sup> Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. <sup>7</sup> Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. <sup>8</sup> Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free.*

Thinking like a servant-**slave**...

- Thinking more about OTHERS than about OURSELVES.

True humility: not thinking less of ourselves but thinking about ourselves less.

Philippians 2:7 (NLT) *Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form...*

- Think like STEWARDS not OWNERS.  
Servanthood and Stewardship go together!

Luke 16:13 (NLT) ***“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.”***

- Think and realize their IDENTITY is in Christ.

### Life Groups

Scriptures that Relate:

Monday: Galatians 1

Wednesday: Galatians 3

Friday: Galatians 5

Tuesday: Galatians 2

Thursday: Galatians 4

Saturday: Galatians 6

Talk it Over:

1. Is being a servant the natural way to live?
2. How is it a privilege?
3. Why should we think like a steward instead of an owner?
4. What other things creep into our lives that give us identity other than Christ?
5. Share a serving experience that was a blessing.