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(2) _____ before we _____.

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- The Gospel is both _____ and _____.

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How Can We Represent Jesus Well?

(1) Get out of our HOLY HUDDLES.

Matthew 5:14-16/ 1 Peter 2:11-12

- Never confuse a **SHELTERED** life with a **GODLY** life.

(2) SERVE before we SPEAK.

Matthew 4:23-25

- Serving earns us the **RIGHT** to be **HEARD**.
- The Gospel is both **WORDS** and **MUSIC**.

(3) When the door closes, LEAVE. If it opens, STAY.

Mark 6:11/ 1 Peter 3:15-16

- No one is argued or shamed into **FOLLOWING JESUS**.

(4) Leave the RESULTS to GOD.

- Our goal is simply to **MOVE THE NEEDLE**.

Life Group Study Questions

For the week of April 18, 2021

Next Week's Sermon and Life Group Study Questions – Next weekend's in-person services on all campuses have been cancelled so we can accomplish all we want to during this Serve Week. Whether you are serving on a project this weekend or have already served, we want to show our community God's love in very practical ways and pray that our projects, attitudes and words will have a great impact. There will still be a message posted online next week along with Life Group Study Questions for your group to discuss during Love Week of Serve Your City.

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. In light of Larry's sermon, how would you answer someone who asked you this week, "Why are you serving?"
2. Larry said that the Gospel is both words and music. What has been your experience with sharing words? With sharing the music?
3. Check any of the statements below that describe what typically motivates you to help others who are in need.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Just seeing a need | <input type="checkbox"/> Obeying God's call |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feeling a tug on your heart | <input type="checkbox"/> Feelings of obligation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bringing someone to faith | <input type="checkbox"/> Being asked to help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relating with the need | <input type="checkbox"/> Rewards in Heaven |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Getting something in return | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Our desire is to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community— to intentionally love and serve people so they will see who Jesus is through our actions and words and then be drawn to Him. As you read the following verses, list any guidelines or tips that could influence our effectiveness in serving in this week's projects or in serving others in general.

Colossians 3:12,17 New International Version (NIV)

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Ephesians 6:7 New International Version (NIV)

⁷ Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people,

What does it look like to "do it all in the name of Jesus" when we're serving others?

In what ways might your motivation or perspective change if your work or service was consistently viewed as serving Jesus and not just other people?

Matthew 5:13-16 New International Version (NIV)

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Jesus calls us to be salt and light. Salt is a seasoning used to preserve and improve the taste of food, and light allows us to see in the darkness. What do you think Jesus meant when He called us salt and light?

What possible things might keep us from more consistently living as salt and light to those around us?

Being salt and light is about representing Jesus well. Looking back at this weekend’s message, which of the four points about representing Jesus well comes most easily for you? Which is most challenging?

2. Our hope for our service is to spread the good news of God’s love through our loving attitudes and servant hearts. Paul revealed his strategy to do this in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. How could this passage impact the way we minister to others and serve during both Serve Your City and our normal lives?

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God’s law but am under Christ’s law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

What might it look like in your life to be a “slave to everyone, to win as many as possible?”

What risks, if any, do you see in Paul’s strategy?

POWER OF PRAYER

This week we have the incredible opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Take some time at the end of your group meeting to pray for Serve Your City:

- ⇒ *That everyone serving will catch the joy of serving and be flexible with servants’ hearts.*
- ⇒ *That we can fill the final spots needed to complete all of the projects.*
- ⇒ *For a job well done, timely completion of the projects along with physical safety of each individual and good judgment in the use of the many tools used.*
- ⇒ *That those we’re serving will see the love of Jesus in us in words, actions and attitude.*



FINAL NOTES & REMINDERS FOR *SERVE YOUR CITY*

- **Last-minute sign-ups** – We have projects that can still use help. If you know someone still wanting to serve, have them sign up! Register online by going to northcoastchurch.com and clicking on “Serve Your City.”
- **Where to meet for projects** – Go directly to your project location. Find the details for your project in your confirmation email or on our website northcoastcommunityservice.org/serve-your-city/
- **If you are participating in one of our larger projects...**
 - ⇒ **How to find your Project Manager** – All Project Managers will be wearing rust-colored *Serve Your City* T-shirts.
 - ⇒ **What to bring** – Your own water, *Serve Your City* T-shirt or clothes you can get dirty, a ready-to-serve attitude, and anything else that would be useful on your project such as gardening tools, paint supplies, brushes and rollers, cleaning supplies, buckets, brooms, tools, electrical cords, etc. Mark everything with your name so you can take it home with you!
- **Need a *Serve Your City* T-shirt?** – Get your *Serve Your City* T-shirt for \$10 at our Drives Saturday 9-11am on all campuses (while supplies last).
- **Questions?** Email serveyourcity@northcoastchurch.com
- **Social Media** – We’d love to see pictures and posts about your *Serve Your City* experience! Share them with us by tagging @nccommunityservice, @northcoastchurch and your campus.