

The Relational Disciple



Serve One Another

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: Christ came to serve and not be served, and we as His followers are to model this example.

Read: Our natural state is to look after ones self and put one selves needs ahead of others. Why does one continue to live like this as a follower of Jesus? Because we don't know our identity as a son in Christ. We live as orphans or slaves, not knowing our Father or who we are in our Father.

Paul said I no longer live but I live for others and he laid down his life in the service of others, to see them come into the life he was in. Paul served his Father and his fellow brothers and sisters with his life. With his affluence in Christ he influenced others for the glory of God, rather than insulate himself and protect himself with what he had.

If we are being totally honest with ourselves how do we live? How much of our lives are given over to the service of others? We are called and chosen to be sons who serve God and one another, not ourselves. What a privilege and an honour it is to be a servant of the most high God.

Abundant life is discovered in Christ and in discovering this life, the natural outcome of this is to be a servant of God and His people.

Galatians 5:13

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Questions:

1. Read the above passage together and ask what giving your flesh an opportunity to live looks like, in relation to serving?
2. God in His wisdom gives us incredible freedom. God gives us this freedom not for the purpose of serving ourselves but for the serving of Him and others. How are we serving others?
3. Why is it so important it is through love that we serve others?
4. How rewarding have you found serving others out of love?
5. Is there any action that we need to take in our lives, now that we know we are called to serve God and others, before ones self?

Pray and encourage one another to press in to all God has for us.