

Made For More: Service

Discussion Guide for September 26 and 27, 2026

Summary

This message continues the *Made for More* series with a look at our design for service. Rooted in Ephesians 2:10 and Jesus washing His disciples' feet in John 13, the message unpacks five reasons we serve: we were created for it, commanded to it, it makes us look like Christ, it brings personal blessing, and it's our worshipful response to Jesus' service to us on the cross. It closes with a challenge to get involved in a ministry, with needs highlighted in Trunk or Treat, Children's Ministry, and Production.

Ice Breaker

Think of a time someone served you in a way you didn't expect or couldn't repay — a meal, a ride, help with a task, a listening ear. What did that act of service mean to you, and how did it shape the way you think about serving others?

Key Verses

1. Ephesians 2:10
2. John 13:1–17
3. Galatians 5:13
4. 1 Peter 4:10
5. Romans 12:11

Discussion Questions

1. Ephesians 2:10 says we are God's "workmanship" (His masterpiece), created for good works He prepared beforehand. How does thinking of your life as designed for service change the way you view your daily routine, job, or season of life?
2. In John 13, Jesus, knowing who He was and where He was headed, got up from the table to wash His disciples' feet, including the feet of Judas and Peter. What is one act of humble, unglamorous service you've been avoiding, and what makes it hard?
3. The message named several reasons we serve: because we're created for it, commanded to it, it makes us resemble Jesus, it brings personal blessing, and it's a response to Christ's service to us. Which of these reasons is most compelling to you right now, and which is hardest to remember in the moment?

4. Jesus told His disciples, “If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them” (John 13:17). Where in your life do you know what serving looks like but haven't yet taken the step to actually do it?

5. The message quoted Melissa Edgington's line that it's easier to imagine dying for Christ than to sign up to work in the nursery for Him. Where do you romanticize “grand” acts of faith while resisting the small, humble opportunities to serve right in front of you?

Life Application

This week, take one concrete step into serving rather than staying on the sidelines. If you're not currently serving anywhere, reach out to a ministry leader (children's ministry, Trunk or Treat, production, or another area) and say yes to one need. If you're already serving, look for a chance to serve in a way that costs you something, the way foot-washing cost Jesus something. Come ready next time to share what you did and how it affected you.

Key Takeaways

1. We were created for service: Ephesians 2:10 tells us we are God's masterpiece, made for good works He prepared in advance.
2. As followers of Jesus, we are commanded to serve one another, not simply invited to serve if it's convenient.
3. When we serve, we resemble Jesus, who set aside His status to wash His disciples' feet.
4. Serving brings personal blessing: sometimes simple joy, sometimes deep, transformative change.
5. Ultimately, our service is a worshipful response to Jesus, who served us first by giving His life for us.