

Crew Celebration

I. Opening Prayer

- Ask the Holy Spirit to help your group hear what He wants to teach and encourage.
- Ask God to show each person what it looks like to continue gathering, serving, and growing.

II. Weekly Sermon Discussion (20–40 minutes)

- Read the scriptures, and discuss what stood out to you.
- Engage with one another by reflecting and sharing what our Church is learning together.
- Example insights and questions are provided to help generate discussion if needed.
- Focus your conversation on the scripture and how it applies to you. Be careful of straying off topic, and if you do, encourage one another to ask, “How does this scripture apply to this?”

We Are Servants, Not Volunteers

Read: Matthew 25:23

There is a difference between being a volunteer and being a servant. A volunteer may serve when it is convenient, but a servant understands that they belong to their Master. As followers of Jesus, we are servants of Christ, and we serve on His time and when He calls us. Jesus doesn't simply want us to fill a position; He wants us to follow Him and serve others as He did. When we understand that we're ultimately serving Jesus, even the smallest task takes on significance.

- What do you think is the difference between a volunteer and a servant?
- How does knowing that you are ultimately serving Jesus change your attitude toward serving?
- Why do you think Jesus calls us to be servants?
- What are some “small” acts of service that can actually make a big difference?
- What does “Well done, good and faithful servant” mean to you?
- Is there an area where God may be asking you to become more available to Him?

See a Need, Meet a Need

Read: Acts 9:36

Tabitha was known for doing good and helping people. She saw needs around her and responded. Scripture shows us that serving often begins with simply seeing what is happening around us. We don't always have to wait for someone to ask us to help. When we see a need, we meet a need. Serving means being willing to notice people, step outside ourselves, and use what God has given us to make a difference.

- What stands out to you about Tabitha's example?
- Why can it be easy to see a need and assume someone else will take care of it?
- What needs do you see around you that God may be calling you to respond to?
- How can we become better at noticing opportunities to serve?
- What is one need you could meet this week?

Find Your Spot and Serve

Read: Romans 16:1-3 & Proverbs 11:24-25

Paul recognized and celebrated the people who served alongside him. Ministry was never meant to be something one person does alone. God has given each of us different gifts, abilities, and opportunities to contribute. We don't all have to serve in the same place, but we all have a place to serve. When we use what God has given us to refresh others, scripture says that we will also be refreshed. The goal isn't to compare our role with someone else's—it is to find our spot and serve the best we can.

- Why is it important for us to recognize and appreciate the people who serve?
- What do you think God has uniquely given you that you can use to serve others?
- Why can we sometimes compare our role to someone else's?
- Where do you feel most naturally equipped to serve?
- How have you experienced the truth of Proverbs 11:25—that when we refresh others, we are refreshed?
- Are you currently serving somewhere that fits your gifts and season of life? If not, what might your next step be?

Will You Serve With Me?

Jesus' invitation was “Come, follow me.” Following Jesus means more than simply attending church. It means walking where He walks, loving what He loves, and serving the people He has placed around us. Every role matters because every person matters. Whether we are serving on Crew, in our community, or simply meeting a need in front of us, we are serving Jesus when we serve others.

- What does “Come, follow me” look like practically in your life?
- What keeps people from serving?
- Where might God be asking you to take a step?
- Who is someone you could encourage or serve this week?

III. Share & Prayer (20-40 minutes)

Time to ‘take off the mask’! Jesus doesn’t want us to be hypocrites who wear masks.

- A personal life update, your current spiritual condition. Use emotional language to be real!
- Challenges or victories that you are experiencing
- What’s really going on in your life? How are you doing? How can your group pray for you?
- Are there applications from the Discussion that you need prayer support?
- How can your Group support you this week?

When sharing prayer requests, include your personal prayer needs. Example – rather than simply sharing “Please pray for my friend’s cancer journey”, include personal prayer: “Please pray as I’m struggling with my friend’s cancer journey, and I need guidance on how to encourage her in this season”.

Have someone, or everyone, close your time out in prayer for one another.