

Discipleship Groups — Level 7
WEEK 5 | Men
Life Check: My Service

Blessings to all

We are in the 5th week of level 7 of our men's discipleship small groups. During these weeks we have worked on issue by examining our lives and evaluating important areas such as spiritual leadership, self-control, responsibility, and purity.

Today we're going to focus on **my service**. I want to start with a question:

Do you serve without being asked?

Or, to put it another way: Are you a man who serves voluntarily?

We live in a culture where many men have adopted a passive mindset. It's common to hear phrases like, "Tell me what to do and I'll do it." And while that sounds obedient, it reveals a lack of initiative. The reality is that wherever we are, whether it's our home, church, or work, all of these places are filled with visible needs.

There's always something to do. A chair that is broken, a water faucet that leaks, a door that does not close properly. In your house there are also visible needs, a child who needs help with his homework, a tired wife who needs support, even the pet that needs attention.

Listen, it's not that we don't see the need... it's just that we decided not to see it. In other words, we see that there is a need, and we pass by ignoring it.

True service is born from a caring, humble, and willing heart.

To serve is the ability to say, "I don't need to be asked...I understand it's my responsibility."

As disciples of Christ, there is an inner conviction that the Holy Spirit produces in us, which moves us to act without the need for external pressure.

It is important that you ask yourself honestly: *What have you seen that needs to be done and haven't done yet? Am I serving in my home, in my church, and in my community without someone pushing me?*

The Bible gives us the best example in Jesus. In Mark 10:45 we are told, *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

Jesus didn't just teach about service, He modeled it. He lived a life of constant service. Jesus did not expect to be asked to do, He saw the necessity and acted.

I want to give you a very practical illustration that will help you understand the concept of serving. Personally, I am fascinated by cleaning the kitchen and washing the dishes and kitchen utensils that are dirty once you finish eating. Maybe that's why I liked this illustration that I'm going to tell you about. For a moment think of something as everyday as the kitchen sink after a meal. A whole mess, dirty dishes, grease, sauces sprinkled on the plates, napkins, etc. As my grandson says, "a disaster."

The truth is that after eating there are always dirty dishes and utensils to wash. That simple moment in the kitchen helps us to see our heart and our willingness to serve.

In this illustration, two types of men are evident. *The first is the one who sees the need and leaves the dishes and kitchen utensils dirty.* In other words, he does nothing. That man represents the one who expects someone else to do the work, the one who avoids responsibility, the one who thinks "someone else has to do it, but not me."

This attitude reflects selfishness and immaturity.

But there is another type of man: *The one who washes dishes and kitchen utensils and leaves everything clean.*

It represents a MAN with spiritual maturity. He is the one who takes initiative, the one who does not need to be asked, the one who does not need to be commanded, the one who sees the need and acts. That's the kind of man Christ is forming in us.

Jesus Himself said it in Mark 10:43, "*Whoever wants to be great among you must be a servant.*"

In the world, greatness is measured by the number of people who serve you. But in the Kingdom of God, greatness is measured by the number of people you serve. Serving doesn't make you less, it makes you more Christlike.

Now, it's important to understand something: When you and I serve, we reveal what's in our hearts.

If our heart is full of pride, we will avoid serving. We're going to leave the dishes dirty; we're going to ignore the need; we're going to wait for someone else to do it.

But a heart transformed by God sees the need and acts: He serves, helps, blesses, and does this in silence without expecting recognition.

The greatest enemy of service is not lack of time; it is pride.

The man full of pride sees the need and says: "*That's not up to me.*" "*If I do it, no one will thank me.*" "*I deserve to be served.*"

The problem with a man full of pride is that he seeks position and recognition. He focuses on himself instead of others. And the truth is clear: pride disconnects him from the heart of Christ.

You can identify pride when you resent serving in small things, when you are offended if you are not recognized, or when you only serve when it suits you.

On the other hand, the spiritually mature man is one who sees needs and acts. Maturity is not measured by how much you know about the Bible, but by how much you serve others.

A spiritual child is always thinking, "Who's going to help me?" But a mature man thinks, "Who can I help?"

Jesus did not wait for someone to ask Him to serve. He came with a clear purpose: to serve and give his life. He detected needs even before they were expressed. That is why a mature man sees the need and does not ignore it. He does not wait for instructions, he takes initiative, even when it is not comfortable.

In the end, Jesus didn't just teach about service, He took it to the highest level. The greatest act of service was not to wash the feet of his disciples, it was to lay down his life on the cross.=

That is the great model we have. **JESUS.**

Today I want to leave you with these questions:

1. What kind of man am I?
2. Am I one of those who leaves dirty dishes or washes them?
3. Am I a burden or am I a helper in my house?
4. Am I making life easier for others or harder?

And more importantly,

5. Am I becoming like Christ in the way I serve?

Pray this prayer with me: "Lord Jesus, give me a servant's heart. Make me more like You, willing to serve and bless even when no one is looking."

And this is the application or task for this week:

1. Decide to serve in something without saying you did it or without seeking recognition
2. Decide to serve in something without waiting for someone to ask you.

In conclusion, we can state: The true disciple not only knows Christ...he reflects Him in the way he serves. Serving allows us *to die* to the flesh, to pride, and to our own self.

The true follower of Jesus Christ **serves**. Serving is not only what we **do**, but it identifies who we really **are**. The Lord Jesus taught us that serving is associated with *willingness, humility, surrender, and renunciation*.

Memory Verse:

Philippians 2:3 (NIV), *"Don't be selfish; Do not try to impress anyone. Be humble, that is, considering others as better than you."*

With this we end week five of our small group discipleship for men. We hope that all that we have taught will be of great benefit and blessing to your life.

Blessings. See you next week.