



## Building God's People

### Building a great life series: A life of service

#### Pray

#### Looking back to last Sunday

If you were not at church last Sunday you can listen to the talk at [www.christiansinthemedia.org/downloads](http://www.christiansinthemedia.org/downloads) or subscribe to our talk feed on itunes. Talks will be up on the web late on Sunday night or early Monday morning to allow any who missed church to listen before the weekly discussion group.

What challenged you in Dominic's talk last Sunday on 'Building a Life of Service'? What questions did you have?

Talk about an act of service which has had an impact on you. Why has this made an impact? How does serving others transform the person being served and the person serving? What have you learned from being in each situation?

#### Research

In twos/threes read through the following passages, noting what the New Testament teaches about service and discuss how each passage applies to you – then report back.

- Luke 10:38-42
- Matthew 23:11-12
- 1 Peter 4:11
- Ephesians 4:11-13
- 1 John 4:7-12
- John 13:3-17
- Matthew 25:14-30

#### Discussion

C S Lewis wrote, "We may think God wants actions of a certain kind, but God wants people of a certain kind." Why do you think he said this? Consider his statement in light of Luke 10:38-42 and John 13:3-17, where Jesus in talking about serving says, "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." (John 13:17). What is the blessing?

God equips us for what we are to do. What equipment has God given you to serve him? How do you use it? Matthew 25:14-30.

#### Application

In our church we encourage every member to be involved formally and informally in serving each week. In the light of the Ministry Expo discuss what your formal and informal service to Christ's body is? Could be?

#### Pray for opportunities to serve

#### Looking forward

If there's time - Look forward to next week

**Read** through Ephesians 1:10 in preparation for next Sunday

**Ask** If we are blessed with every spiritual blessing, why do we so often feel discontent in our own lives? How do these verses help? 'Being a Christian can be bad for your self esteem' Comment in the light of Ephesians 1:1-10?