Life Steps

Serve Together Weekend | May 5 - 11, 2025

Monday Romans 12:9-21

Reflect: How do you define love? How does this passage define love? According to this passage, what is the connection between how we love others and "serving the Lord?" **Prayer:** Lord God, thank you for loving me. Help me to be rooted in your love so I might genuinely love others.

Tuesday 1 Peter 4:8-11

Reflect: What did Peter mean when he said, "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling?" How is serving others being a steward of God's grace? How were you impacted by your Serve Together Weekend experience?

Prayer: Lord God, show me who you want me to serve, then give me the strength to do so without grumbling.

Wednesday Galatians 5:13-14

Reflect: How does the world define freedom? In the wisdom of God through the Apostle Paul, what is freedom, and what is freedom for? Describe a time you set your needs or wants aside to serve someone. How did you feel afterwards?

Prayer: Thank you, God, for my freedom in Christ! Give me wisdom to use my freedom in such a way that honors you and blesses others.

Thursday Ephesians 6:7-8

Reflect: Paul is talking to slaves in this text, but what would it look like in your job or role at home, to labor "wholeheartedly as if you were serving the Lord, not people?" How would you describe your heart when it comes to serving others?

Prayer: Lord of heaven and earth, cleanse and heal my heart so I might serve you with joy!

Friday Proverbs 19:17

Reflect: How do you react when you encounter the poor, either in person or in the news? What does the writer mean, "whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord?" How have you been rewarded for serving others?

Prayer: Prepare me, God, so I am ready to serve when, where, and for whom you need me.

Saturday Acts 20:32-35

Reflect: Paul is passing on the torch of leadership to the Ephesian church elders. Based on these four verses, what did Paul want them to do? How did he want them to live? How have you found the words of "the Lord Jesus" found in verse 35 to be true? What are the barriers or life experiences that make it hard for you to freely give of your time, money and energy? **Prayer:** Lord Jesus, forgive my stingy, self-focused ways. Give me the power and humility to give like you.

Sunday Exodus 20:1-17

Reflect: Commandments 1-4 speak of our relationship with God, while commandments 6-10 speak of our relationship with others. What is the significance of the location of the 5th Commandment? Whether it be your mother or a mother figure, identify how they have impacted your life and their traits for which you are thankful.

Prayer: Write out a prayer of thanksgiving for your mom or the woman who filled that role.

