

Align Week 7 – Service

Small Groups - Bethany Church Long Beach

Intro:

- Ask each person in your group to name a person they admire for their serving and why?
- What part of this week's message was the most challenging or interesting?

Group Questions:

1. **What implications do the following quotes from Scripture have for our lives?**
 - *" Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position." (Romans 12:13-16)*
 - *"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10)*
 - *"Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:15-16)*
2. **What are some ways that you've experienced God's love and kindness through the acts of another person?**
3. **What are some needs that you've noticed lately - opportunities where you could possibly serve others? How can you respond to those needs?**
4. **In order to introduce people to Jesus, we have to genuinely love them - we need to make them not just friends but family. What steps are you taking (or do you want to take) to love people in this way?**
5. ***"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is true and proper worship."* (Romans 12:1)**
How might you "offer your body" as a sacrifice in worship of God?
6. **Do you find serving a joy? Is this a core belief you struggle with? Why or why not?**
7. **Read John 13. What example did Jesus give us when it comes to serving others?**

Pray as a Group