



Sermon Outline
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Serve

Mark 6:30-37

THE BIG IDEA:

To **B.L.E.S.S.** your neighbor, Jesus invites you to _____.

When you listen to people and eat with them, they will _____ to you how to best serve them.

Some insightful thoughts on serving:

- * *No one has ever become poor by giving.* – **Anne Frank**
- * *No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.* – **Charles Dickens**
- * *I cannot do all the good that the world needs. But the world needs all the good that I can do.* – **Jana Stanfield**
- * *Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"* – **Martin Luther King, Jr.**
- * *The only way you can serve God is by serving other people.* – **Rick Warren**
- * *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.* – **Jesus**
- * *You are never more like Jesus than when you serve.*

Reasons we aren't always inclined to serve:

1. Our favorite station is - _____.

Galatians 5:19a & 20b – The acts of the flesh are obvious: selfish ambition.

Philippians 2:3 - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.

* **When you serve there _____ something in it for you.**

Acts 20:35 - In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

* **But I don't feel like serving – maybe not, but the _____ in you does.**

Philippians 2:5-7 - In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

2. Our own to-do list is _____.

Mark 6:35-37 - By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

Why did Jesus both model and instruct serving?

1. Serving _____ the messenger.

* *People don't _____ how much know until they know how much you _____.*

2. Serving _____ our message.

2 Corinthians 5:15 - And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Serving ideas: Simple acts of kindness like tangible needs: cook a meal, babysit, shovel snow, etc. Don't miss big needs: births, deaths, trials, sickness. Send a card. Make birthdays special. Offer to pray for them. Keep them company. Give or lend something.

3. Serving _____ doors and hearts.