

# EMPOWERED TO SERVE

## Week 1: Called to Serve

### Scripture:

Matthew 20:28 (NLT) - "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### Discussion Points:

What does it mean to serve others?

How does Jesus exemplify servanthood?

Reflect on times when you have felt called to serve others.

### Activity:

Each participant shares a personal story of a time when they felt called to serve and why it was meaningful to them.



## Week 2: The Heart of Service

### Scripture:

Galatians 5:13-14 (NLT) - "For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

### Discussion Points:

Why is having the right heart attitude crucial for serving others?

How can we cultivate humility and selflessness in our service?

Discuss practical ways to prioritize others' needs above our own.

### Activity:

Brainstorm ideas for serving others in the community and create a list of potential service projects.

## Week 3: The Faithful Friends

### Scripture:

Mark 2:1-12 (NLT) - The Healing of a Paralyzed Man

### Discussion Points:

What stands out to you about the actions of the paralyzed man's friends in bringing him to Jesus?

What does this story teach us about the importance of community and support in times of need?

Discuss the importance of community and teamwork in serving others.

### Activity:

Plan community service activity.

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## Week 4: Using Our Gifts for Service

### Scripture:

1 Peter 4:10-11 (NLT) - "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen."

### Discussion Points:

How has God uniquely gifted each of us for service?  
Explore ways to identify and utilize our spiritual gifts in serving others.  
Discuss the importance of using our gifts in unity and cooperation.

### Activity:

**Take a spiritual gifts assessment individually and discuss the results.**

## Week 5: Persevering in Service

### Scripture:

Galatians 6:9 (NLT) - "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

### Discussion Points:

Why is perseverance important in serving others?  
Share stories of perseverance and endurance in service.  
Discuss the rewards and blessings of faithful service.

### Activity:

**Write personal commitments to continue serving the community and pray for each other's perseverance.**



## Week 6: Community Service Activity: DATE TBD

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