



TALK IT OVER

Serve

BOTTOM LINE

The way we serve God is by serving people.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What is the most fun you've ever had doing something you were not particularly gifted to do? What do you enjoy doing that you do really well?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- Andy Stanley on [The Significance of Serving](#)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Jesus: "You call me 'Master' and 'Lord,' and you do well to say it, for it is true. And since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow; do as I have done to you. You know these things—now do them! That is the path of blessing." John 13:13-15, 17 TLB

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

"God has given each of us a gift or gifts, not to fulfill the American dream but to fulfill His purpose in our lives by serving other people." – Dave VanDonge

"I was not created to be a spiritual consumer. I am a spiritual contributor." – Dave VanDonge

"Most people want to be thought of as a servant—but not treated as one." – Dave VanDonge

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Since God does not need anything, He does not need us to serve Him. We serve Him by serving others. Discuss. Jesus is our example. How do we serve like Jesus? How do you practically dedicate your body to God? What are the distractions that compete with your attention in serving God? With humble confidence, what are you good at? Humility is not denying your strengths, it's being honest about your weaknesses. Discuss. What are some of the benefits of serving with others? Primary ministry should be in the area where I am gifted, but secondary ministry in the area where I am needed. How do I use that perspective right now for NewPointe? Serving is inconvenient—how? How can I groom my heart and attitude to be a servant leader?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

Because loving service is most like Jesus, I will make it the primary definer of my life. I will find a place to serve to activate my gifts and eliminate any distractions that can keep me from consistent, joyful service, and will take first steps this week.

My Action Step: _____