

New Beginnings Community Church

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TITLE: Be The Sermon

Scripture used: [Matthew 20:25-28 \(NIV\)](#); [Psalm 23:5 \(NIV\)](#)

OVERVIEW:

What if our lives could communicate the love of God before we ever said a word? On Serve Day, NBCC stepped outside the walls of the church to be present in communities experiencing significant need. The message was simple: Be the Sermon.

Serving is more than a Christian duty or something we do when we have extra time. It is part of our identity as people who follow Jesus. God Himself is a servant, and Jesus completely redefined what greatness looks like. While the world often measures greatness by power, influence, status, or being served by others, Jesus points us in the opposite direction: greatness is found in serving and becoming a blessing to others. We don't need a platform, position, money, or special credentials to make a difference. Every day gives us opportunities to communicate a message from God: You are seen. You are loved. You are not forgotten. Big Idea: I Am Here to Be a Blessing

KEY POINTS

1. Serving is part of our identity, not just our duty.

Following Jesus means allowing His love to shape who we are, not simply adding good deeds to our lives. When God's love fills us, service becomes an overflow of who we are rather than something we force ourselves to do.

2. God Himself is a servant.

Psalm 23 gives us a picture of God as both shepherd and host—He leads, provides, prepares a table, and cares for His people. Jesus gives us the clearest picture of God's servant-hearted nature through the way He healed, fed, welcomed, loved, and ultimately gave His life for others.

3. Jesus redefines greatness.

The world often defines greatness by how many people serve us or how much authority we have. Jesus says greatness looks different in God's kingdom: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant." ([Matthew 20:26](#)) Everyone has the opportunity to be great because everyone can serve.

DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - Who is someone who has made you feel seen, loved, or cared for through a simple act of service? What did they do that made an impact on you?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - Read [Psalm 23:1-6 \(NLT\)](#) and [Philippians 2:3-8 \(NLT\)](#). Both passages give us a picture of God's character and the posture Jesus calls His followers to embrace. What do these passages reveal about the way God cares for and serves His people? What does Jesus' example in Philippians 2 challenge us to lay down in order to serve others? How is serving connected to humility in these passages?
- 3) **DO** - Don't wait for a formal Serve Day. Find one person to bless each day this week. It doesn't have to be big. It could be listening, encouraging, helping, checking in, making someone's day easier, caring for someone who is exhausted, or simply noticing someone who might otherwise feel overlooked. **Ask yourself each day:** "What might God be inviting me to do today to help someone know they are seen, loved, and not forgotten?"