



JOURNEY CHURCH

Serve Your City
Small Group Curriculum
Journey Outreach | Based on ARC Resource's Guide
Leader's Guide
Week 1 - Discovering Your Serve

Watch Video 1 (Rob Ruston, Director of Groups) as a group. You can find this at journeyconnect.org/lifegroupserve.

SCRIPT OF THE VIDEO:

Hi Journey Church life groups, my name is Pastor Rob Ruston and I serve as the Director of Groups here. Over the next two weeks we'll be diving into what it can look like to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. We'll do this by discovering our serve based on the passions and giftings that God has given us. Then, we'll plan our serve by creating action steps and delegating responsibilities in a way that every life group member will feel fulfilled as they operate in their calling. My prayer for you is that you'll take the time to lean in and listen to what God is showing you in this season. Maybe it's your first time serving in outreach. Maybe it's your one hundredth time serving in outreach. Either way, I believe that as you lean in God will do a new thing in and through you. Let's get started.

ICEBREAKER

Ask your group to answer these:

1. Name five winners of the Academy Award.
2. Name five people who have brought you joy or made you feel cared for.

POINT:

The lesson is obvious - on a personal level, fame, wealth, and achievement pale in comparison to care and compassion.

READ

"The ability to truly love and serve others comes out of the overflow of our abiding relationship with Jesus Christ. When loving and serving others is the overflow of Christ's life in us, then our Serve

comes out of abundance. We must first understand that, as believers, Christ is living in us. We are not serving and loving people for Jesus but rather with him.” – Serve Your City

Ask someone in your group to read Matthew 25:35-40.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some tangible, concrete ways God can be glorified through your life?
2. How can serving in an outreach capacity position you to glorify God with your body and talents?
3. Take a look at your Spiritual Gifts Assessment. What are some things you’re naturally good at? Discuss each with your group.

Watch Video 2 (Kate Alexander, Outreach Director) as a group. You can find this at journeyconnect.org/lifegroupserve.

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The most impactful serves are those that connect your passions and giftings with the needs in your community. It can be easy to look at the brokenness in our world today like human trafficking, homelessness, poverty, abuse, and injustice of any kind and lose our hope due to the vastness of the problem. We must recognize every issue is a sin issue, but Jesus covers all sin. This means anywhere we carry Jesus with us we can bring hope and healing through his power. The next set of questions is designed to help your group decide what your serve will be this Serve Day. I can’t wait to see what you choose!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you could meet one need in the world without any obstacles getting in the way, what would it be?
2. Now that you’ve discussed what each of your passions and giftings are, what is a way your life group can serve the community in a meaningful way?

Write down the details of your serve here:

Where? _____

What? _____

Who? _____

How to access the free Spiritual Gifts Assessment through your Rock Profile:

1. Visit www.journeyconnect.org.
2. Click on the teal circle with a white graphic of a person on the top right of the page.
3. Login or Create An Account
4. Once you're logged in, click on the teal circle again.
5. Select the drop down of your name.
6. Click on My Account.
7. Scroll down to the Assessments portion of the page.
8. Select and complete "Spiritual Gifts."