

Harvest Strategic Plan #3

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“Serving the Family in Love on Purpose”

Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 28:19-20

What two words best describe the Christian life?

Matthew 20:25-26 (NIV) ²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant. . .”

Matthew 20:28 (NIV) Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

“Serving” is the _____ of ministry

Acts 4:34 (NIV) There were no needy persons among them.

“The Family” is the _____ of ministry

Galatians 6:10 (NCV) When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it. But we should give special attention to those who are in the family of believers.

“In Love” is the _____ of ministry

1 John 3:18 (NLT) Let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.

Why I should give my life in service to God, and to others:

1. I was _____ by God to serve

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV) For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2 Timothy 1:9 (LB) It is God who saved us and chose us for His holy work.

2. I am _____ by God to serve

Galatians 1:15 (NCV) But God had special plans for me and set me apart for his work even before I was born. He called me through his grace.

Ephesians 4:1 (NIV) I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

3. I have been _____ by God to serve

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT) God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God’s generosity can flow through you.

4. I have been _____ by God to serve

John 13:14-15 (NIV) ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

5. My church family _____ my service

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT) Now all of you together are Christ’s body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.

6. Serving others is the way I _____

Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV) ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. . . ²⁴ It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

7. Serving others makes life _____

Mark 8:35 (NLT) If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NCV) Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your work in the Lord is never wasted.

8. My service to others will be _____

John 12:26 (NCV) My Father will honor anyone who serves me.

Matthew 25:23 (NIV) Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!

November memory verse: Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.