

SERVING

Further Study Questions The Week of September 30, 2007

1. Think back through different volunteer opportunities, service projects, or even work situations that you have been involved with since you finished school. Which of them fit you the best? Which did you enjoy the most? Why?
2. Explore these verses: Ephesians 2:10; 1 Peter 4:10; Matthew 20:26-28. Why do you think God has designed us to be involved in ministering or serving in his kingdom? Can't we just enjoy the benefits of "family life" without having to work? Why or why not?
3. If we are called by God to be servants, how can being an active part of the body of Christ help us figure out how Christ may be nudging us to serve? Am I an eye, or an arm, a ligament, or a mouth? See 1 Corinthians 12:14-25.
4. When have you been on the receiving end of someone serving God? When have you been the one serving? Discuss how interdependent the members of the church of Christ must be for the church to be effective.
5. What message do we send the world when we help and support other believers? What is our message when we help and support whoever is in need, regardless of their faith?
6. How are we challenged to imitate Jesus' example of being a servant? (Matthew 20:26-28; Philippians 2:4-7; and others.)

THINK ON THIS

We often find ourselves burdened with the idea of the need to serve... but really serving ought to give us a fulfilling joy! Instead of seeking personal success or recognition, we should be serving to give our best to others for their benefit. Then it becomes a demonstration of our overwhelming love for God bubbling up from our hearts to others!

