

# Volunteer: Love in Action

## LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

When we think of “service,” we often associate it with what we do for the church or what we do to help our friends, colleagues, or family. But a heart of service isn’t nurtured by what we do on the outside. It begins with a heart that seeks opportunities to love and care for others. The perfect example of love in action is found in Jesus Christ, because love isn’t merely a feeling or a phrase, but a life of commitment and sacrifice.

### THE GOSPEL IS THE FUEL OF SERVICE

Through Jesus Christ, we experience the grace, hope, forgiveness, and belonging that come from being God’s children. When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord, our service becomes our response to the grace we have received (Romans 12:1). The truth of the gospel becomes the fuel of our service. When we remember God’s grace, we do good not to be saved, but because Jesus has already saved us. We serve not to earn His favor, but because we have already received His grace.

### RENEWING OUR MINDS ABOUT SERVICE

The world tells us that we should serve only when it is convenient, when it brings recognition, or when we can receive something in return. But when these things become our motivation, service can become a transaction rather than an expression of love. Instead, we need to renew our minds and remember why we serve others (Romans 12:2). A true heart of service comes from God’s love and grace. When we remember that we are all recipients of His mercy, we begin to see others as valuable and worthy of our love, rather than viewing them through the lens of what they can do for us.

### HOW LOVE IN ACTION LOOKS

We can put our love into action by seeing people as God sees them. When we recognize their value before God, we become more attentive to their needs and more willing to put their interests before our own (Philippians 2:3-4). We can then look for simple ways to be a blessing, whether through prayer, listening, helping, encouraging, or meeting a practical need. Service does not have to be grand. It can happen in our homes, workplaces, communities, and wherever God has placed us. When we choose to serve even when it is inconvenient or unnoticed, we learn to love others sacrificially and reflect the heart of Christ.

### THE ULTIMATE EXAMPLE OF SERVICE

We cannot be driven to serve if we don’t understand the power, grace, and forgiveness of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross. In His greatest act of love for humanity, the Son of God came down to earth not to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45). As we serve the people God has placed in our lives, may we remember that love in action flows from the grace we have received and the gratitude we have for Jesus’ sacrificial love. We can serve without needing recognition because our service is ultimately offered to the Lord.

### last week's memory verse

"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others."

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4

### discuss this message

What gift, ability, resource, or experience has God entrusted to me to bless my family and others?

Who can I serve and be a blessing to at home, at work, in school, or in my community? What practical ways will I show love to them?

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