

Instructions

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and pick 3-5 questions to discuss, which pertain to your group's unique needs and style.

For the video related questions, look up the video in RightNow Media. You can do this on a phone, tablet, computer, or SmartTV device. You can easily find the video by clicking on the "Revolution Church" channel within the app. If you or a group member needs access to RightNow Media, please email info@revolutionky.org.

Series Synopsis

What does it mean to be a part of a church community? Why do we commit ourselves to one place instead of any other church down the road? As Christians, we believe that we are a part of the great family of God, brothers and sisters in Christ, which crosses all denominational distinctions and barriers because of our shared baptism. We are members together in a great household of faith. Yet we are called to embody that faith in a particular location and among a specific people. We are called to community and to be known and loved by a particular church congregation. And because we are family, family requires commitment.

So what does the lord require of us right here and right now, among this people? How can we uphold our vow to God and to one another to live out our faith at Revolution Church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness? Join us this November as we consider these commitments and ask God, what do you desire from us?

Message Synopsis

We serve an awesome and almighty God, one who is fully capable of saving, redeeming, and setting right everything that has gone wrong in this world by God's own power. And yet, God chooses to bring the kingdom of heaven to reality through the gifts and energies of ordinary people like us. Isn't that amazing? We each have gift we have been given. We each have a role to play in this great symphony and mission of God. Every gift counts, every gift makes a difference, and no gift is too small. You have a role to play here as we join together in community and service to be the Revolution! Because every act of service done in the love of Christ can play a part in transforming the world, on earth as it is in heaven.

Key Scriptures

1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Ephesians 4:12

Questions Related to This Week's Message

1. What do you think is the difference between a volunteer and a servant?
2. When have you seen the body of Christ equip people for servant ministry?
3. Do you believe you have been gifted by God? Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? If unsure, consider asking people around you at church or take a spiritual gifts inventory (spiritualgiftstest.com).
4. How could you use your gifts to contribute to our community of faith at Revolution?
5. What positive experiences have you had in using your gifts, talents, and/or abilities to serve others? Do you think it made a real difference?
6. Where do you feel God calling you to step-up (or continue) to serve right now?

Video and Discussion Questions from RightNow Media

Video: “Walk – Session 5: In Order to Serve Others” by Mike Baker (9 min)

(located in the “Renovation Group Bible Studies” channel)

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/141213?episode=5>

1. Take a moment to discuss the video freely. What stuck out to you? What bothered you? What questions did this raise for you? Even consider where and why your mind wandered as you watched, as it might reveal something of your heart or something of significance in the message.
2. Mike talks about the importance of having the attitude of Christ in our service. That is, if we are to be like Christ, we are to think of ourselves as servants and therefore to think of others as people to be served. Do you have this kind of attitude on a daily basis? Where do you find this easier (and why)? Where is it more difficult (and why)?
3. Do you ever have to prepare your heart and mind for a posture of service (like Mike suggested in prepping himself to serve his wife and kids after a long day of work)? What helps you get in the mood to serve others?
4. We don't serve to be exalted, but can you think of an example of when this happened? How have you gained influence among the people around you by serving them?

Family-Related Questions:

1. Does your family serve together? If so, share a story of how you served and discuss the impact it had on you, your kids, and your family dynamic.
2. How do your kids witness an attitude of service in your life? Have you ever witnessed an attitude of service in your kids' lives?
3. What are some ways your family can begin to serve together, both at Revolution and other places in your neighborhood, in our city, and throughout the world?