

SERMON SERIES: LIFE IN RHYTHM

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“SERVE.”

Introduction

This week for our Life in Rhythm series we are discussing the value of serving. So far in this series, we have talked about gathering and connecting. We gather weekly to align our hearts to God and our lives to His mission, and we connect in life-giving smaller groups to help one another follow Jesus. This third value points us outward to caring for others. While the other two values also encompass this, the value of *serve* shows us how to use our unique talents and gifts to build up the Kingdom.

- Has anyone done a meaningful act of service for you before? What made it memorable?

Seek the Word

Read 1 Peter 2:9.

- What might this verse mean when it says “royal priesthood?”
- What are God’s people called to do according to this verse?

Read Mark 10:45.

- How does this verse explain the priorities of Jesus?
- Which characteristics of God are shown in this verse?

Go Deeper

After taking the spiritual gifts test, your test results will give you examples of each gift in Scripture. To go deeper this week, begin a study based on one of the Scripture passages for the gift you tested highest for.

Talk About It

- What is your experience serving? Are you currently/not currently serving somewhere, looking for somewhere to serve, etc.?
- Have you been impacted by the service of others? How so?
- Why should Christians prioritize serving others?
- What makes it difficult to serve? How can you remove those barriers?

Wrap Up

Reminder: We *serve* our home, church family, and community to make God’s love known.

Challenge: Take the spiritual gifts test on calvary.ch/gifts to find out what God has gifted you with. Read through your test results and think through ways that you can use your gifts to to serve others.