



WEEK NINE | RECONSTRUCTING SERVICE

Russ has chosen a great way to end this series. After all is said and done, reconstructing our faith requires the use of our newly transformed faith. Jesus spent his life and entire reason for coming in the flesh serving others even to the cross. Serving the people God loves is our high calling and one we can excel in when we open our hearts and serve.

GETTING STARTED

Of all the ways Maury Hills has and is serving in our community, what ones stand out to you? (This is not a brag session but a celebration session.)

What need do you see or wish we could step in and fill?

TALK ABOUT IT

Read Matthew 20:21-28

Why do you think good faith and serving others is so completely connected?

What do you think is behind the “need” or desire to be first in line rather than last?

What struggles do you have serving others regularly?

- Making the time?
- Making excuses?
- Feeling guilty about not doing enough?
- Simply don't have the heart for it?
- Want to but just need opportunity and guidance?

When have you felt really good about serving? Share the experience.

APPLY IT

Becoming *like* Jesus is a conversion that happens in the heart first and develops over time as we experience salvation, love, and grace. Once we truly get a taste of those, the WAY of Jesus becomes irresistible. When you are completely sold on something, it's hard not to want to tell others or share it. Whether it's the good we can do by supporting a Christian-based school in trouble or supporting an addiction recovery ministry like Hope Center, we are FOR the people in our city. That's what Jesus taught his followers.

When you think about all the families in our church and city that have been damaged and hurt by addiction, how can we spread hope when it seems so hopeless?

If you have been personally hurt by someone's addiction, how can we serve you?

**Remind your group that we will pay 50% for two counseling sessions if it will help them through their hurt or recovery. Our hope is that one day they will use their experience to help others.

PRAY

Love is our guide, truth is our foundation, gentleness and respect are our approach, Jesus is our unity. None of that is easy but Jesus never promised that following him would be easy. Let's pray.