

# FOUNDATIONS

## LESSON 69:SERVING

**Big Idea:** *God created us to serve. We depend upon the transforming grace of God in Christ to make us servants, teach us how to serve, and help us embrace a lifestyle of regularly considering the needs of others*

### I. Why We Serve

A. Consider Your \_\_\_\_\_

1. Christ as a servant...
  - a. Jesus was and is a servant: Isaiah 42:1A
  - b. Jesus came not to be served but to serve: Mark 10:45, Philippians 2:1-7
  - c. Jesus continues to serve us even today: Hebrews 7:25
2. ...who causes us to serve (1 Corinthians 10:31)

*Question: Why do we serve? (Hebrews 6:9-10; Hebrews 12:3; 1 Peter 4:10-11)*

### II. How We Serve

A. Consider Your \_\_\_\_\_ (Haggai 1:1-7; Ecclesiastes 2:9-11)

*Question: What are some areas in your life you could 'consider' in order to provide more opportunities to serve?*

B. Consider Your \_\_\_\_\_ (Leviticus 23:22; Psalm 90:10-12; Ephesians 5:15-17)

*Question: How might God teach us to number our days?*

C. Consider Your \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 3:16-18)

*Question: How have you closed your heart to others when they are in need? What might that look like?*

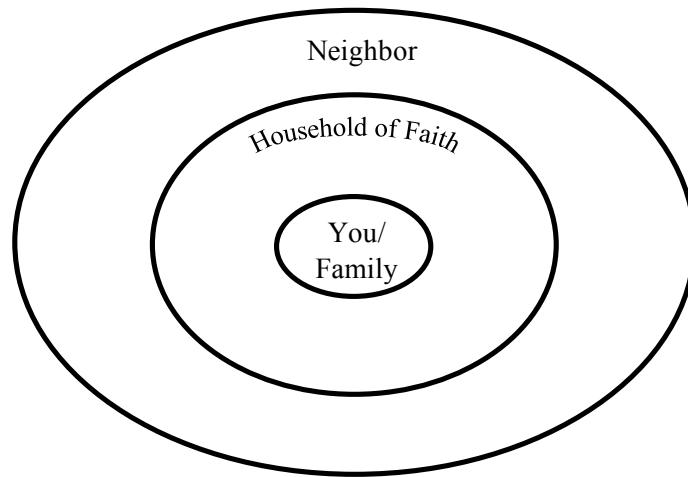
When seeing the needs around us:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

*Question: What are some reasons people serve that do not bring glory to God?*

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### III. Who We Serve (Galatians 6:9-10; Psalm 41:1-3; Galatians 4:13-14)



#### Final Reflection:

It's somewhat easy to begin serving. It's much harder to continue in it. It's hard to be other-oriented. Continuing to serve one another requires the ongoing grace and power of God. Serving is not easy, is not meant to be easy, and we're not meant to do it in our own strength. We need God's help in loving one another. This goes back to 1 Peter 4:11:

*"whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."*