



 **NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER**
May 31, 2026

SERVE BEYOND YOURSELF
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Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them. John 13:17 (NLT)

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Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12 (NLT)

3. We're BUILDING something with Him...and it's ETERNAL.

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Matthew 9:35-38 (NLT)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

Share a time when you served someone without any recognition or appreciation...just because it was the right thing to do? How did you feel about it?

ENGAGE

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

GROW

1. Read John 13:3-17. Jesus was able to serve because he knew exactly who he was and who he belonged to. How does knowing you're loved and secure in God change your motivation to serve others?
2. How many of us have said "I'll get involved when things calm down"? What would it look like for you to treat serving as a priority rather than something you squeeze in?
3. Have you ever talked yourself out of stepping up because you didn't feel qualified? Where do you think that internal voice comes from?
4. Read Acts 4:13. It says people noticed that Peter and John were ordinary men...but they had "been with Jesus", and that made all the difference. What does it look like in your everyday life to just "be with Jesus"?
5. The message emphasized the difference between serving to earn God's approval (FOR Him) versus serving out of relationship (WITH Him). Which one feels more like where you're at right now?

LEAD (YOURSELF):

What's one specific, practical way you could serve beyond yourself in the next two weeks: at church, in your neighborhood, or in someone's life?