

Group Leader Guide

Ready to Serve

Article Summary 🚰

Bishop Gillum's article "Ready to Serve" stresses serving with the right motive, centering on God. Our actions should reflect the Word of God in our hearts, with service as an expression of God's work within us. Serving God should not seek earthly rewards but applause from heaven. The ultimate lesson is that service is greatness, as seen in Jesus' example of sacrificial service.

Ice Breaker 🗊

What's the most hilarious or embarrassing thing you've ever done in an attempt to be helpful or serve someone?

Discussion Questions 💬

1. What does it mean to have the right motive when serving others and God?

Bishop Scott Gillum emphasized the importance of having the right motive and centering our lives around serving God.

How can you identify and evaluate your motives for serving in various areas of your life?

2. Why is it important to let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly, as mentioned in Colossians 3:15-17?

Gillum explains that our actions should reflect the Word deeply ingrained in our hearts, and our service should express God's work within us.

What steps can you take to ensure that the Word of God dwells in your heart and influences your actions?

3. How can we practice humility and value others above ourselves, as advised in Philippians 2:3-5?

Gillum emphasizes the importance of humility and valuing others above ourselves in the context of biblical servanthood.

What are some specific ways you can put others' needs before your daily life?

4. Why does God use us as the visible expression of His kingdom despite not lacking anything, as mentioned in Acts 17:25?

Gillum explains that God invites us into His service because He desires us to accomplish His purposes and bring praise to Him.

In what ways do you feel God is using you as a visible expression of His kingdom in your own life?

5. How can we serve God even in difficult circumstances, following Jesus' example of not being served but serving others?

Jesus came to serve and give His life as a ransom for many, exemplifying the importance of sacrificial service.

What challenges do you face in serving others, and how can you overcome them to serve God?

Prayer 🙏

• Ask for prayer requests from the group.

• Pray that God would help each person apply the article to their lives throughout the coming week.

• Pray that God would reveal any wrong motives and help them align their hearts with His.

• Pray for humility and a willingness to value others above themselves in their service to God and others.