

OUR MISSION & MEASURES

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MAIN POINT

Where are you connecting and where are you serving?

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

What are some of the most meaningful relationships that you have developed with others in the church? Why have they been so important to you?

Where is one area that you feel called to serve? Why do you enjoy serving there?

> READ HEBREWS 10:24-25.

When the author of Hebrews said “let us,” to whom was he writing? How might participating faithfully in the community help you more clearly see the areas in your life that need to grow or change?

What does it look like practically to “promote love and good works” (vv. 24-25)? Why do we need encouragement from others to do this?

> READ ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12.

What are the benefits we receive from having the support of another believer, according to this passage?

How have you seen the strength of friendship in your life? in your church?

> READ JOHN 15:8.

What steps did Jesus take to include us in a relationship with Him? How is that connection made obvious in our lives?

Why should what Jesus has done for us motivate us to see others connected to Him? How do we fight against the tendency to develop closed-off and cliquish relationships?

> READ ACTS 20:28.

While these verses were directed to leaders in the church, what responsibility do we have to serve one another within the body?

Why is shepherding such a good analogy to explain what it means to serve the church?

Who is one person in the church you can serve?

> READ GALATIANS 5:13.

Why do you think Paul emphasized service to one another through love? How do we become a church that is known for serving our community in love?

Why is it critical that we demonstrate what it looks like to serve others in a Christlike manner?

For what purpose did Christ free us? How can we exercise our freedom in Christ to fulfill this purpose? What factors make loving others difficult?

> READ MATTHEW 28:19-20.

Have you been on a cross-cultural mission trip? If so, share your experience. What did you do? What did you learn?

If the gospel is going to all nations, we have to take it there. How does serving others open doors for the gospel to take root?

What are some ways that you can reach and serve the nations without ever leaving Virginia?

> APPLICATION QUESTIONS

We talked this week about connecting and serving. How do these things come together in a group like this? How are we actively doing both?

Who do you know who needs to be connected to Christian community? What about to the gospel?

Where is one place that you can commit to serve and give your life away at our church, in our community, and in the world?

In your own words, summarize why “Where are you connecting?” and “Where are you serving?” are important measures that help us fulfill our mission: Building relationships that connect all people to God-sized life and love!