

CONNECTED THROUGH CARING

Philippians 2:1-4 and other Scriptures

Serving together brings us together

LET'S GET STARTED

In recent weeks we have focused upon ways in which believers are connected with one another. In this study we complete the series by learning to appreciate how acts of caring service—done *for* one another and *together with* one another—also contribute to our unity as followers of Christ.

LET'S HEAR THE WORD

Philippians 2:1-4—¹If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Romans 12:10—Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Galatians 5:13— . . . serve one another in love.

Galatians 6:2—Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

**Serving God and one another is a powerful _____
of God's people.**

Quotable

*You're not saved by service,
but you are saved
for service.*

—Rick Warren

*When we're working
side by side with other
people, a bond
inevitably forms. This
was part of God's plan
for how the church is
supposed to work.*

—Veronica Sexton

If you would like to know more

The Master's Plan for the Church, by John MacArthur (Moody Press), 2008.

CONNECTED THROUGH CARING (Philippians 2:1-4)

HOW DOES SERVING TOGETHER BRING US TOGETHER?

- It reminds us of how much we _____ each other (1 Corinthians 12:12-30).

1 Corinthians 12:21—The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don't need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don't need you!”

- Serving helps us focus upon _____, rather than _____.

Philippians 2:3-4—³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

- Serving provides an opportunity to put our _____ into _____.

1 John 3:17-18—¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

LET'S LIVE IT

We can put the truth of today's message into practice by asking God to open doors of opportunity for us to serve God and one another, and by serving with sincerity of heart as the Holy Spirit enables us.

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