



Reference: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Study Guide #5

October 9, 2016

"This Is Who We Are: We Will Serve on Teams"

ICE BREAKER

Share about a time when you ate in a restaurant and the waiter or waitress did something unusually funny. How did the rest of the meal go?

QUESTIONS

During these opening weeks of the fall Pastor John is not just preaching another sermon series. He is presenting a plan for Salem to move forward with our **Purpose** to "Love God and Love people" and fulfill our **Mission** of "Impacting the City, Changing the World, Making Disciples and Multiplying Churches."

1) Describe the importance of the first two steps of our **Vision**: Connect in Worship and Grow in Groups.

2) How important do you think it is to serve others in a church? How did Jesus serve and what did He accomplish through His service? Read Mark 10:43b-45.

- a. Importance of service:
- b. How Jesus served:
- c. What He accomplished:

3) Those who turn to Jesus Christ in faith as their Savior and Lord and repent of their sins will not be punished, but read 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 1 Peter 4:7 discover a reason to serve others.

- a. 1 Peter 4:7:
- b. 1 Corinthians 5:10:

4) What does 1 Peter 4:8-9 reveal about God's priorities and what does "love covers all offenses" mean?

- a. God's priorities:
- b. "Love covers all offenses" means:



5) What is another reason why we are to serve other people? Read 1 Peter 4:10 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 to discover the source and purpose of our gifts and abilities to serve others?

a. 1 Peter 4:10:

b. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7:

6) Who do you know in the church is gifted and has blessed other people? (Think of those who serve openly in public as well as those who serve without much attention.) Tell them how much you appreciate them.

7) What is the ultimate goal of our service to others? Read 1 Peter 4:11 and Matthew 5:14-16

a. 1 Peter 4:11:

b. Matthew 5:14-16:

8) When have you served, and it may or may not have been recognized or appreciated at the time, yet you know that God was glorified? What were the consequences of your service?