

## Small Groups Service Projects

Our groups have built a solid foundation of community and in many cases solid understanding of our faith. The harder task is living out the principles seen in Scripture, like in Mark 10:43b-45, "Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,<sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else.<sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

When the disciples are trying to solidify their authority, Jesus' response is a challenge to humble ourselves to become a servant. One way for us to live this out is to serve our community in different ways. We can have good intentions, but life gets busy. Serving as a group can help each other to be intentional in serving together.

Groups will work within their interests and schedules to identify an organization to serve. Coordinating these service opportunities would be a good place to have others in the group contribute to serve each other.

As a group, take time to discuss how you can serve together.

1. How often can you serve?
  - What about once a month?
  - Would you be able to use your group meeting time to serve?
  - If you are serving individually, how can you help encourage one another to serve consistently?
2. Who would be willing to coordinate and communicate with group on serving together?
3. Below is a list of opportunities to give you some options to consider.
  - **Arrive Ministries:**
    - being English tutors through *Somali Adult Literacy Training* program
    - supporting refugee family through *Refugee Life Ministries* program
  - **Together for Good:** support families in crisis through hosting kids for respite care or non-hosting opportunities like rides
  - **Second Harvest** provides food to many of the food pantries in the city. They need volunteers to help pack the food being distributed. They have several shifts a day at multiple locations.
    - **Maplewood:** morning and afternoon shifts
    - **Brooklyn Park:** morning, afternoon, and evening shifts
  - **Building relationships with neighbors**
    - Here are a couple resources for guide and practical steps to engage in these relationships: *The Hopeful Neighborhood & The Art of Neighboring*
  - **Salvation Army:** There are several ways to get involved with SA through food shelf, working with kids, or administrative opportunities.
  - **Feed My Starving Children:** pack meals shipped to different parts of the world. Most days has multiple shifts available throughout the day.
  - **Eastside Meals on Wheels:** They need volunteers to deliver meals Mon-Fri. The meals are ready for pick up at 11:15am at our Lincoln St entrance.