

WELCOME TO NEXT STEPS (R) \bigcirc EXPERIENCES IN CHRISTIANITY WHY DO I NEED A CHURCH FAMILY? DISCOVERING MY PURPOSE 2()\//4 VOLUNTEERING

WEEK 4

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: John 13:15-17, Colossians 3:23, Psalm 100:2, 1 Peter 4:10, Galatians 5:13-14, Matthew 20:28, John 13:12-14, Mark 9:35, Mark 10:44-45, Luke 22:2

WHY WE SERVE?

For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

JOHN 13:15-17 (NKJV)

Not only did the Lord Jesus leave us an example of how we should serve one another, but scripture also instructs us that the method of delivering the gifting that the Lord has distributed to each one of us is through serving. The spirit of servant hood reveals Christlike character. When we learn to live selfless lives, we are most like Christ. If we are to "**Share God's love with the world**", we must allow the Spirit of God to impart a Kingdom vision in our hearts that is bigger than us, realizing that this life is not about us but about the assignment that He has purposed us to serve within His holy plans. Spiritual maturity takes place in our lives as we commit to serving the Lord with love, humility, character, faith and passion.

WHEN WE SERVE GOD WE FIND

SERVE THE KINGDOM AND REACH OUR CITY

The Vision that God has given our leadership is not only a Kingdom-focused vision, but it also includes every person that calls City Church home. When we volunteer our time, talents and resources to support the vision and mission of the House, together we can see the "Great Commission" accomplished, the Kingdom of God advancing and our city, nation and the world reached for the Lord Jesus Christ.

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OUR MISSION AND CULTURE

We meet the challenge of "Sharing God's love with the World" with these 6 practices:

- o We will always be kind.
- o We will always be focused.
- o We will always be positive.
- o We will always be helpful.
- o We will always be intentional.
- o We will always be passionate.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

CATEGORY 1: Weekend Volunteering Opportunities

- o Band/Singers
- o Creative: Live Production, Camera Operator, Visual Arts, Sound, Social Media, Photography, Online Host, Audio Engineer, Lighting Engineer, and Stage Hands.
- o Kidz City Sr., Jr. and Nursery
- o F.I.M. First Impressions: Ushers, Greeters, Parking Lot, and Guest Services
- o Security
- o Grow: Next Steps

CATEGORY 2: Weekday Volunteering Opportunities

- o Belong Group Leadership
- o Film
- o Communications: Graphic Design and Social Media
- o District Pastors Office (DPO): Phone call team
- o Maintenance
- o Lawncare: Gardening / Yards

CATEGORY 3: Missions & Outreach

- o iCare Outreaches
- o Domestic Missions
- o International Missions

GETTING STARTED WITH VOLUNTEERING

- o Complete Next Steps.
- o Choose a category and team that you feel passionate or interested in. Ask yourself some questions to narrow down your choices.
- o Sign up for a team.
- o Complete background check form (if needed).
- o Complete interview (if needed).

You can sign up to volunteer at www.citychurchnola.life.

POINTS TO PONDER:

Read Mathew 16:21-27 How can we commit to being Christ center ed and not self-centered?

Read John 17:22. If Christ desires for His Church to be One, How can we protect unity even if we don't see eye to eye?

Read Hebrews 13:17 and Romans 13:1. Why is it important to God that we submit to authority?

Discuss the above points to ponder with your Belong Group leader, Area Leader or a Pastor. Engaging spiritual leaders in discussion about the Word of God will bring you into a greater fellowship in the Word and open you up to increased understanding in the Scriptures.

NEXT STEPS:

- o Sign up for a weekend Volunteer Opportunity.
- o Sign up for a weekday Volunteer Opportunity.
- o Go on a missions trip.
- o Start a Belong Group.





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