



SERVING IS OUR PASSION

Week 03

ICEBREAKER

If our community group were stranded on a deserted island, what skill or ability would you bring that might help everyone survive?

TESTIMONY

Give someone or a couple 5-10 minutes to share their testimony with the group.

SCRIPTURE

1 PETER 4:8-11

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

DEVOTIONAL

It’s easy for community groups to unintentionally become something a few people **provide** while everyone else **consumes**. One person leads. One person hosts. One person brings food. One person organizes everything. But that is not the picture Scripture gives us of the church. Peter says, “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.”

Every person brings something to the body. Some people teach. Others encourage. Some are great at welcoming people. Someone notices needs before anyone else does. Someone loves organizing. Someone cooks. Someone prays faithfully. Someone brings joy into the room.

A healthy group isn’t built around one gifted leader. **It’s a community where everyone discovers that they have something to contribute.** And sometimes leadership means doing less ourselves so that someone else has an opportunity to grow.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What gifts, abilities, or passions do you think God has given you to bless other people?
2. Why do you think people sometimes hesitate to participate or serve?
3. What can we do so that everyone in our group feels like a participant rather than a spectator?

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: **EVERYONE HAS A PART**

Give everyone a chance to identify one way they could contribute to the life of the group.

- **Examples:** Hosting • Food • Prayer • Facilitating discussion • Planning activities • Service projects • Welcoming newcomers • Communication • Caring for needs • Kids • Encouragement
- Then actually begin distributing responsibilities.
- The leader can ask: *"What is one way you would enjoy contributing to our group?"*
- The goal isn't to fill jobs. It's to help people discover: I have something to offer this group.