

Develop Personal Spiritual Habits

Session 8 – Serving

The Habit of Godly Service

- We're called to costly service – giving God our lives (Mark 8:34-35, 9:35)
- Often service looks like washing dirty feet (John 13)
- Therefore, godly service must be a disciplined habit – to grow more like Jesus

Motivations to Serve

- Obedience (Deuteronomy 13:4)
- Gratitude (1 Samuel 12:24, Romans 5:8)
- Gladness (Psalm 100:2)
- Forgiveness (not guilty) (Isaiah 6:6-8)
- Humility (John 13:12-16)
- Love (Galatians 5:13)

Reflections on Service

- Every Christian has one or more spiritual gifts intended to serve others in the local church (1 Corinthians 12:11, 1 Peter 4:10-11)
- Serving is often hard work, but it matters to God, hence the need for disciplined consistency (Colossians 1:29, 1 Corinthians 15:58, John 4:34)
- Worship and serving are deeply related
- The gospel of Christ creates Christ-like servants