

FURTHER UP AND FURTHER IN

Service – Reflections

Re-cap:

- Have you changed anything about your daily Bible reading?
- Have you thought further about what learning from others means and what you can offer to others in church?
- Remind yourself of your 1 / 3 / 5 friends that you are praying for and ask God to bless them again this week.
- When can you put 15-20 minutes in the diary this week to look over the **Centred on Jesus, Generous Welcome, Sent Out, and Service** reflection sheets?

John 13:1-17:

Service is...

- From love because of love.
- Not always easy (like love).
- From our identity as God's children.
- Powerful and life-changing.
- Following Jesus' example.

How have you experience God's love the most? Where and when?

How could you share God's love with others? What gifts can you offer to friends, family, neighbours?

What do you find hard about serving? Do you serve sacrificially?

How does God describe you? Spend a few minutes in silent prayer asking God to speak to you, remind you of his promises, and encourage you to see yourself how he sees you.

Since discipleship is doing what Jesus does, what in particular do you need to copy Jesus in doing?

How do you serve with your time, talent, and resources?

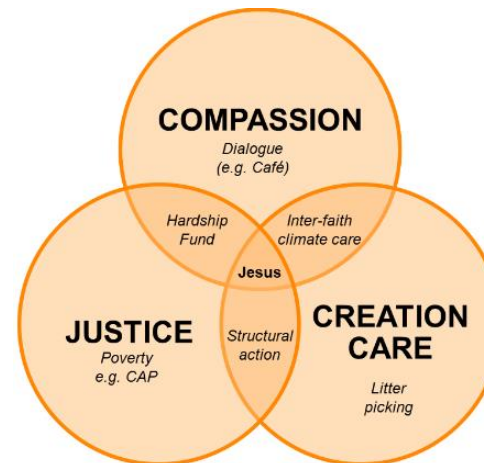
A few quotes...

Read and reflect on these quotes – what strikes you about them? Do you agree or disagree? Why?

- This does not mean that the Word exchanges the form of God for the form of a servant; it means, rather, that he so dons our flesh and goes open-eyed to the cross that his deity is revealed in our flesh, supremely at the moment of greatest weakness, greatest service.
 - Carson: Gospel of John.
- If I could give you information of my life it would be to show how a woman of very ordinary ability has been led by God in strange and unaccustomed paths to do in His service what He has done in her. And if I could tell you all, you would see how God has done all, and I nothing. I have worked hard, very hard, that is all; and I have never refused God anything.
 - Florence Nightingale

Next steps:

We invite you this year to **serve as Jesus did**.



What in this diagram is most important to you? So, in which of these areas is God calling you to serve the community?

Where is God calling you to serve the church family?

- Rotas
- Events and groups
- Serving the church family (i.e. acts of love)
- Prayer
- Financial or other material contribution