



Serving

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Jesus' Red Letters

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28 (NIV)

Today's Red Letter Living Truth: A true sign of our spiritual maturity is not the expectation to be served but to serve.

Matthew 16:13–17 (NIV)

⇒ **Our serving flows out of who Jesus is and what He has _____ for us.**

⇒ **Our serving flows out of who we are in Christ and The Mission that we are to _____ for Him.**

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

Matthew 16:18 (NIV)

Q—How do we serve in a season of social distancing?

Our Red Letter Living Spiritual Practice this week:

Serving Bingo

Mail three encouragement notes	Pray for everyone in your small group	Check on an elderly person if they need anything
Give a TP Roll to a neighbor	Schedule a phone call with person so you can talk in depth	Donate to food bank
Send an encouraging text to 5 people this week	Brainstorm a way to surprise a person with a gift	Do a prayer walk for church & community



Study & Discussion for Your Next Small Group

Theme: *Who, Not What, Is Church*

Share Together: What was your experience of church growing up? How does that affect your view of it today?

Reflect Together: What impacted you the most from Sunday's message? How has this challenged

you so far, and is there a S.O.A.P. day you would like to share that could encourage the group?

Read the Red Together Matthew 20:28

- What does Jesus mean by this explanation of his purpose for coming into the world?
- What does He mean by "ransom"?
- As His followers, how do we do the same?

Read the Red Together: Matthew 16:13-20

- What was Jesus' motive in asking the disciples these two questions, in the order that he asked them?
- What was it about Simon's response that caused Jesus to respond with such affirmation?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be the Messiah (or the Christ)?
- Why was it a divine revelation to Peter? How is knowing who Jesus is different than knowing that He is the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God, and how does that difference impact us today?
- What is significant about Simon getting a new name, Peter (meaning rock)?
- What Church is Jesus building? What can't overcome it? Why?
- The Greek word for "church" doesn't mean a building but "called out ones." Why is this so significant to us today?
- How can we "be the church" when we can't go to church in this unique season in our world?
- What are some creative ways we can do this as individuals and as a small group, to reach out to others?
- How do you need the church in your life, for which you need prayer?

Pray Together