

## Models of Loving Service

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### Illustration

To some people, serving is a \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 21:56)

To some people, serving is a \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 9:25)

### We are saved to \_\_\_\_\_

(Romans 6:22; Leviticus 25:55; Exodus 3:12, 4:22-23, 7:16, 8:1, 8:21, 9:1, 9:13, 10:3, 10:7, 10:8, 10:24, 12:31)

It sometimes seems like everybody except Christians know why God saves us.

We are saved to serve (Ephesians 2:10)

### We are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_

(John 13:34, Matthew 22:37, John 3:16, Philippians 2:7)

Greatest example of Loving Service: Jesus (John 13)

- A. Service alone cannot save you (verse 8)  
Acts 4:12: no one is going to heaven without Jesus
- B. True love leads to loving \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 15)
- C. Loving service leads to true \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 17)
- D. Loving service identifies us as true \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 35)

### 3. When we serve others, we serve \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 25:34-40)

Loving service begins with loving the Savior (John 3:3,5,7)

Loving service and loving gain do not go together (Matthew 6:24)

Loving service does not lose focus of spending time with Jesus (Mary and Martha)

Loving service measures the depth of your love (Luke 7:36-39, 44-47)

Loving service leads to the salvation of others (1 Corinthians 1:19)

**We believe that we have been sent into the world as Jesus was sent, not to be served, but to serve.** This service is an expression of God's love in action. We believe that we are called to express God's special concern for the poor, the needy, the alien, and the oppressed. We have a particular responsibility to those in distress in our own towns and communities, as well as to fellow Christians in need.

## Daily Bible Readings

February 23—March 1

### Follow-Throughs

What has God taught you from the messages on Loving Service during the month of February? In what ways have you been prompted to serve within your home, your workplace, your school, or your community? Has anything changed in your attitude?

As you read these passages, what insights do you gain about Jesus as a servant, and about your own role as a servant? Begin each day with the prayer, "Make me a servant today."

**Monday**            **Matthew 12:1-21**

**Tuesday**           **Matthew 20:17-34**

**Wednesday**       **Matthew 23:1-12**

**Thursday**           **Matthew 24:36-51**

**Friday**              **John 12:20-33**

### Warm-Ups

**Saturday**           **Jonah 3 and 4**

What was Jonah's attitude toward the people of Nineveh? What was God's attitude toward those people? Have you ever felt like Jonah?

**Sunday**             **Luke 15:1-31**

What is the response in heaven when someone repents? Why did the older brother have such a difficult time sharing the joy of the father when the prodigal returned? With whom in the story do you identify most closely—the son, the father, or the older brother?