

## Serve One Another

*Galatians 5:12-15*

### Introduction

Once we become saved, we have a work to do. We have been redeemed and set free to serve. Freedom is not the liberty to do whatever you want to do. It is the privilege of doing all that you ought to do. The body of Christ is a community of believers who are committed vertically to God and horizontally to one another. The freedom we experience in Christ is to be used in service to others. A servant cares for the needs of others without expecting anything in return. You are Christ's servant when you minister to another for the sheer joy of helping someone in need.

### Getting Started

1. *Share with your group the last time you personally served someone (as opposed to being a part of your ministry's collective service at church).*
2. *If you are passionate about the ministry in which you serve at OCBF, share your ministry involvement with your group. Why do you love it, and how does what you do benefit the body of Christ?*

### Let's Get Personal

1. *Have you benefited from someone's or a ministry's service to you? How did that service help you sense the love of Christ?*
2. *Where do you see you can use your time and talents for the body of Christ?*
3. *Many Christians understand service is both a duty and a privilege, but don't do it as much as they think they should. Why do you think that is? Discuss challenges and possible solutions.*

### Take the Next Step

1. *Jesus, the Son of God, was a servant. He was willing to serve us to the point of death. What simple - yet selfless or maybe even difficult - thing can you do to serve someone else in the name of Christ?*
2. *A great church is made up of people that love the Lord and look for opportunities to serve His people. Are you in a ministry? If not, discuss with your group your thoughts on, reasons for, and/or barriers to ministry involvement at OCBF. Have your group pray with you this week as you seek God's direction about where you can serve Him best within our church.*

### Renew Your Mind

**For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.** Galatians 5:13

**As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.** 1 Peter 4:10

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