

Read Romans 12:1-8

- What is the grounding for Christian service according to v. 1? Why is this significant?
- Can you think of a time where you served in response to something other than “the mercies of God”? Did it make a difference? How so?

*“They (works-righteous people) strive after good works and regard them as the foundation of their righteousness, the refuge of their conscience, and the solace of their soul, although Christ alone exists (as the foundation) before all good works...Without our efforts, Christ offers Himself to us as our righteousness, our peace, and our rest for conscience, in order that we may always build upon this foundation our good works.” - Martin Luther*

Why are we so easily tempted to regard our service as the foundation of our righteousness? How does this ultimately hinder our service in the long run?

*Being a servant flows from the work of the gospel and reveals the goodness of the gospel to the eyes of the watching world. We serve God who has gifted us to serve and invites us to serve all.*

How does humble, biblical service done in light of the gospel further unify the church?

Describe the difference between these three types of servants:

1. The self-servant
2. The selective servant
3. The servant of all

Read Philippians 2:1-11

- What does “humility” mean according to this passage?
- What is the relationship between humility and serving others?

*One of the most theologically rich passages about Christ was penned in order to encourage the church towards selfless, humble acts of service towards one another.*

Read John 13:1-17

- How is Jesus’ act of service both utterly unique and an example for us to emulate?
- How does Jesus’ teaching affect our priorities and the way we use our time?
- Explain why no Christian is exempt from serving?
- What opportunities are there for you to serve in your CG and your neighborhood?

Pray that the gospel will be central as we serve one another. Pray that Grace Church will be a place where the members *count others more significant than ourselves*. Pray that we will be faithful in following our Teacher and Lord in serving others.

