



SUMMARY:

At TC we believe that disciples of Jesus grow in 5 characteristics: worship, connect, serve, give, and invite. Throughout this series we will take a look at each of these characteristics so that we can discover how we can grow as Christ-followers. This is called spiritual formation or discipleship.

This week we explored the third characteristic of a Transformer: serve. As Christ-followers we are all called to serve in some way. God has uniquely gifted us for the purpose of showing His love to others—we can do that by serving. It's an act of worship and it's another way to connect with others. When we experience God's mercy, it compels us to share that mercy with others. As we are being transformed by the gospel, we are better able to discern God's will for us and build the body of Christ, God's Church. We also realize that we don't do it alone. Teamwork makes the dream work! We serve alongside others because we each bring something to the table of value, and we are better together.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Pastor Derwin shared in his sermon that “served people serve people.” This means that when we have experienced being served by others, we want to go out and serve other people as well. Take a moment to think about a time when you were served in a beautiful way that really impacted you. Perhaps you ate at a great restaurant and the server went above and beyond to make you feel special. Perhaps you were stuck in bed with the flu and a family member or friend was there for you with a box of tissues and delicious chicken soup. How did you feel when you were served with love and compassion?

Read Romans 12:1.

- What does mercy mean?
- How has God expressed mercy to humanity? (*You can refer to Romans 6:23*)
- How has God's mercy made a difference in your life?

Read Romans 12:2.

- Why does the Apostle Paul warn against being conformed to this age?
- What happens after transformation according to the latter part of this verse?

Read Romans 12:3-5.

- What is the danger in thinking too highly of yourself?
- How did Christ think of Himself? (*You can refer to Philippians 2:5-6*)
- The Apostle Paul reminds us that we are one body, what is the significance of this statement?
- Everyone has a part to play in the body of Christ. What gifts, talents, and passions has God gifted you?
- In his sermon, Pastor Derwin shared about a servant leader who has a gift for presenting and a love for connecting with kids. This servant leader used his gifts in his everyday life but has also wanted to use them to build the church, so he started serving in TC Kids. In what ways can you use your gifts, talents, and passions to build the church?

Read Romans 12:6-8.

- We each have a part to play and when we come together, we make a pretty great team. What do we miss out on when people don't show up to use their gifts?
- If you are serving on a ministry team at TC, take a moment to share about that team. Let your group know what it looks like to serve and how it has impacted you.
- If you aren't currently serving on a ministry team at TC, take a moment to consider which team might be a good fit for you. Others in your group may help you determine what that looks like.

Soul Tattoo: Served people serve people.

Action Step: Register for Transform U: Serve today to start serving at TC.

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