



Topeka Bible Church
How to Grow a Disciple
"Serve #2: Serve the World"
Community Group Study Questions
Mark 8:46; 10:45; 16:15 and selected passages

1. Are you successfully living a life of service to others for the glory of God (*1 Peter 4:11; Colossians 3:17*)? Why or why not? Who are some people in your neighborhood, workplace, community, etc. that you can more actively serve? What holds you back from serving them?

2. *Mark 10:45* is the theme verse for the entire gospel of Mark. What was Jesus' ultimate act of service for the world (*John 10:14-15; Matthew 26:39; Philippians 2:7-8*) and how is He our model for living a life of sacrificial service?

3. What do you think would happen if everyone within the church lived a life of self-sacrifice and service to others? How might the community respond (both positively and negatively; *Matthew 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:12; John 15:18; 1 John 3:13*)?

4. What does *Mark 8:36* say about the importance of eternal life compared to earthly things? Given the importance of eternal things, what is one of the most important ways that you can serve the world (*Acts 8:30-31; Romans 10:13-14; 2 Timothy 4:2*)?

5. Have you ever had anyone ask you why you live the way you live? What was it about your life that made them ask their question (*John 13:35*)? Even though your life is an important testimony, why is it even more important that we actively share the gospel (*Romans 1:16; Acts 4:12; John 14:6*)?

6. Should you be sensitive when sharing the gospel with other people? How do you balance this sensitivity with the commands to proclaim the truth of Christ to others (*Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19-20; cf. Acts 1:8*)? Should we try to balance this sensitivity, or should we simply declare the message?

7. Pray for opportunities to serve others in the world/community this week. Pray specifically for people whom you can serve by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with them. The stakes are too high for us not to do so (*1 Corinthians 9:19-22*). Serve! Save! Speak Up!

Memory Verse:

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

(Mark 10:45, NIV)