SERVE

Intro

As Disciples, we have no other choice than to love Jesus by loving others. How do we do this? We serve others. Jesus served others on numerous occasions in the bible. Jesus's actions not only benefited those in need, but also served to inspire and motivate his disciples to do the same. By our actions, we can serve our neighbors and put our faith into action. Let's look more closely at the faith practice, serve.

Small Group Activities and Discussion

Ask for two volunteers to read these two different verses: Luke 22:24-27 and 1 Peter 4:7-11

Thanks _____ for reading Luke 22:24-27

Ask: What do you think Jesus meant for his disciples back then?

Ask: How is the message the same for us today?

Thanks _____ for reading 1 Peter 4: 8-11

Ask: What jumps out at you in these verses?

Ask: How is the message the same for us today?

Say: I'm guessing every day we experience servants in our lives. Or someone else has experienced you as a servant. I like to say it a different way, every day we experience someone who has been Jesus in our life, or we've been Jesus to someone else.

Ask: Would someone be willing to share who's been a servant/Jesus in their life?

[You might have to start with a story of your own, like mom doing laundry, friend helping me clean up after a party, mom bringing me the homework I left at home, visiting a nursing home, shoveling snow for my neighbor like in the movie.]

Say: Okay, I need to move around, how about you? So let's play charades! Here's the idea! We are going to divide into two teams and each team will come up with as many ideas as possible for serving and being the hands of Christ in the world. You have two minutes to come up with as many serving ideas as possible. Use the markers and paper. Then we will act them out for each other. The same idea cannot be used twice, so if one team uses feeding the poor, then the other team can't use it.

(Give each team three minutes to come up with service ideas. Then have teams take turns acting out their ideas for the other team.)