

April 25th, 2021

Rescued [How we can rescue others.]

1 Peter 4:10-11 NLT; Romans 12:4-8 NIV

1. What's one thing from last weekend's message that you hope we talk about as a group?

2. This week we discussed how we can get involved in many different capacities at our church to connect with one another and to serve our shut-ins through our Congregational Care Team, to serve others in our homes through our Home Groups and D-groups, and to serve our families through our nursery, kids, and youth ministries. What often keeps us or others from serving in the life of the church? Before your group meets, please read 1 Peter 4:10-11 and write down some of your thoughts and share them with the group.

3. In reading Romans 12:4-8 NIV, Paul writes about how the body of Christ is called to serve one another. In what ways, are you called and able to serve the body of Christ in these situations...*(please give more than one example for each.)*
 - a. A member not able to attend because of health issues.
 - b. A family that is dealing with divorce or the loss of a loved one.
 - c. Leading others to fully understand their worth and significance in Jesus Christ.
 - d. Being able to use your story of Jesus rescuing you and sharing it with kids, youth, or adults.

4. **Digging Deeper:** Our pastors and staff were able to have others share their stories of life change and why they loved serving here at our church. What story or stories really connected with you and why? In the questions below, think about how your life was changed because of someone's willingness to serve you.
 - a. In your own spiritual journey, who comes to mind that was there for you to share the gospel or was able to lead you to a closer relationship with Jesus? How has that influenced your life still today?

 - b. What specifically do you feel God has gifted you with as we move forward as a church in completing the mission of making disciples and restoring people's connection to Jesus Christ? Begin thinking of how no matter our giftings, each

person and each gift matter. Explain as a group why that is so important to understand.

c. How can we, as a home group, help each other find our giftings and callings to help rescue and restore lives back to Jesus? Where do you see yourself serving in the next few months? Why?

Closing in prayer: Close in prayer this week as a group asking for the Holy Spirit to encourage one another and to help us fully understand our calling to being a part of the body of Jesus Christ.

LEADERS: *Please make your home group aware of a NEW video that Pastor Terry posted on Monday, April 26th on the "Priority of Prayer". IF you have some extra time, please discuss 1 Thessalonians 5:14 as it reads, "And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone."*