



Outreach

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"Reach up, reach out" and "Love those we serve"

Matthew 10:8 says "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay". This verse was taken in the context of Jesus sending out the twelve apostles. Jesus tells us to go out and care for the people in the city. Although this task may seem daunting, it is a direct command from Him that empowers us even if we feel inept. These actions are rooted in His love for us. As we have received God's love without paying, we in turn need to give love to people around us. It is humbling to know that this is the reason we serve.

Servitude is an important theme in our walk with God. Extending beyond just a simple act, it is also a reminder that we have a responsibility to care about the city in the same way that God cared about the city and cared about us. This kind of love is a glimpse of the unconditional love given from God that we are called to pass on to the world. In Mark 10:45, it says "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". We can learn to humbly serve God by serving others and being an example of how Jesus came to serve rather than be served. This love is demonstrated in the way we serve and our attitude towards it.

Ultimately, our aim is to develop an outwardly focused mindset while being rooted in God for motivation. Genuine relationships with others are built by fostering care and trust and can be done by listening to the needs of those that we serve and serve with. In doing so while keeping in mind the two verses above, we can learn to better serve each other both within and outside of the fellowship.