

**Simple Summer, Pt. 3**  
**Why Should A Disciple Serve?**  
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**1) As a Disciple of Jesus, I am to \_\_\_\_\_**

- **My service is \_\_\_\_\_**

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)*

- **My service is \_\_\_\_\_**

*If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. John 13:14-17 (ESV)*

*You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. I urge you, brothers, 1 Corinthians 16:15 (NIV)*

- **I have been saved to \_\_\_\_\_**

*For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 1 Thessalonians 1:9 (ESV)*

*How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! Hebrews 9:14 (NIV)*

**2) Why God serves and \_\_\_\_\_ to serve.**

- **In the very beginning there was \_\_\_\_\_**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. John 1:1-2 (ESV)*

*All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. John 1:3 (ESV)*

- **When He created He did so because \_\_\_\_\_**

*So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 1 John 4:16 (ESV)*

- **God reached beyond His Perfect Communion to \_\_\_\_\_**

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:15-17 (ESV)*

**3) Some characteristics of real love.**

- **Love is focused on \_\_\_\_\_**

*Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 (ESV)*

*While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:18-19 (ESV)*

- **Love always the best for the \_\_\_\_\_**

*Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 1 Corinthians 13:7-8 (ESV)*

*and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:27-28 (ESV)*

- **Love \_\_\_\_\_**

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (ESV)*

*nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work--which is by faith. 1 Timothy 1:4 (NIV)*