

Connect Group Guide

Who Are We? – Week 3

Our Culture of Serving

Big Idea: We believe that every person has a purpose.

Main Scripture: Philippians 2:1–11

Group Purpose

Leader Tip: Affirm participation and obedience. Celebrate small steps of serving as meaningful acts of faith.

This week's guide helps your Connect Group explore God's heart for serving and purpose. Serving is not about filling a need—it's about becoming more like Jesus. As we look at Philippians 2, we'll see that purpose is discovered through humility, obedience, and putting others first.

Opening

Icebreaker Question

- What is one way someone has served you that made a lasting impact on your life?

(Keep this light and relational to build connection.)

Scripture Reading

Read Together

- **Philippians 2:1–11** (Have one or two people read aloud)

Ask the group to listen for words that describe Jesus' attitude and actions.

Teaching Summary (Leader Read-Aloud)

In Philippians 2, Paul reminds the church that serving flows from our relationship with Jesus. Christ modeled true humility by laying aside His rights and choosing obedience—even to the cross. Serving is not about recognition or position; it's about reflecting the heart of Jesus. At our church, we believe every person has a purpose, and that purpose is often revealed as we serve others with humility and love.

Group Discussion

Understanding the Text

1. According to **Philippians 2:1–4**, what attitudes does Paul encourage believers to have toward one another?
2. What stands out to you about Jesus' example of humility and obedience in verses 5–8?
3. Why do you think God exalted Jesus after His willingness to serve and humble Himself (verses 9–11)?

Reflection & Personal Connection

4. When you hear the word *serving*, what thoughts or feelings come to mind?
5. What fears or hesitations sometimes keep people from stepping into serving?
6. How have you seen serving shape or grow your faith in the past?

Church Culture Connection

7. Why is it important for a church to believe that *every person* has a purpose?
8. How does serving help us move from being spectators to participants in God's work?

Application

Help the group move from conversation to action.

Personal Application

- Where might God be inviting you to serve in this season?
 - (Examples: church teams, family, workplace, community, or mentoring others)
- What is one step you can take this week to serve with humility and intentionality?

Group Application

- How can this Connect Group encourage and support one another in living out our purpose?
- Are there practical ways your group could serve together in the coming weeks?

- If you're not signed up to serve in the church in any way and have been through Heart and Soul where should you sign up to serve?
 - Konnection Kids
 - Guest Services
 - Production
 - Worship
 - Connection College
 - Connection Students

Prayer Time

Guided Prayer Option

- Thank Jesus for modeling humility and service.
- Pray for hearts that are willing to serve without recognition.
- Ask God to reveal each person's purpose and next step.

(Leaders: remind the group that God uses obedience, not perfection.)

Closing Encouragement

Remind the group:

Serving is not about how visible the role is—it's about how willing the heart is. God uses humble obedience to shape us and glorify Himself.

Encourage group members to continue discovering **who we are** by stepping into their God-given purpose.