

Sunday – February 4, 2024



Our local Rotary club has the motto, “Service Above Self.” It is a great reminder that we can/should serve others at least as well as, if not better than we provide for ourselves. Under the best of conditions, with the best of intentions this can be a challenge, and yet it is exactly what Jesus has done for each and every one of us- the sacrifice of his life for mine.

KEY VERSE:

Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. (Acts 3:3-7)

How do I respond to the real needs of real people in a way that points them to Jesus?

I SERVE PEOPLE WITH WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO _____.

Read Acts 3:3-7.

Peter and John were not heading to the temple with the idea of healing anyone, but God placed an opportunity before them.

Do I see people as an interruption, or an extension of my service to God?

As I take stock of my life, what has God given me today that could be used in service of others?

How tightly do I hold onto my time? My talents? My treasure? With the needs of people around me?

I SERVE PEOPLE TO _____ ABOUT JESUS

Read Acts 3:11-16

What traits of Jesus do I think I display in my service to others? Would people who I serve agree with my self- assessment?

James in his letter says, “faith without works is dead.” With that in mind, how “living” is my faith? _____

What changes in my attitudes and actions would God have me make to better reflect Jesus to those on need around me every day?

Am I willing to pray for those changes to happen within me?

I SERVE PEOPLE SO THEY DISCOVER JESUS FOR:

Read Acts 3:17-20.

Make a short list of different groups that come to mind who help others.

What would they say would be the main reason they are in the “helping” business?

How do I, can I, point people to Jesus when I am offering help to others?

Are there people I am currently helping for whom I can pray they will be led to ask about my faith and why I do what I do?

THIS WEEK:

- Will I pray that God keeps my eyes open to the divine, unplanned opportunities to serve others this week?
- How am I willing to practice, “Service Above Self” that leads to Jesus?

Next Week: “Your Foundation is your Future”