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Message Notes



People-ing 101: Building Community One Story at a Time
"SERVE ONE ANOTHER"

Pastor Tom Lundeen | June 15, 2025

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How can this be the case?

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In the New Testament alone, there are at least 41 _____ passages on how we're to relate and deal with each other often referred to as the *one anothers*.

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As Jesus followers we know we're to serve _____...

...But serving each other can be more _____ at times.

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(note **Galatians 5:13a, b**).

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What have we been freed _____?

_____! (note **Galatians 5:13c**)

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surrender.

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We're only genuinely free when we live the life that God _____
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Legalism and libertarianism are not _____...

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...live, walk, be led, be controlled, be _____, keep in step with the Spirit...

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We're commanded to be _____ with the Holy Spirit (note **Ephesians 5:18**).

The Spirit-filled life is a life of _____ relationships...(note **Galatians 5:25-26**).

SO MY NEXT STEP IN PEOPLE-ING IOI:

- Actually, the challenge to serve one another is an _____ to be filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit.
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Tell us about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!

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Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*If your small group had a group mascot,
what would it be and why?*

1. Answer Pastor Tom's initial question, "Why is it hard to serve one another?" Be as specific as possible.
2. Read **Mark 10:45** and **Galatians 5:13**. Pastor Tom stated that, "We're only genuinely free when we live the life God created us to live." Describe how serving others frees us to "be and do what Jesus wants."
3. Pastor Tom explained that serving helps fulfill the intention of the Old Testament law (see **Galatians 5:14** and **Matthew 7:12**). How does knowing this make serving others easier for you, or does it?
4. Read **Galatians 5:16-26**. Pastor Tom explained that "legalism and libertarianism are not answers" to the serving dilemma; rather, being filled with the Holy Spirit as outlined in **Ephesians 5:18** is the answer. What steps will you take this week to be continually filled and controlled by the Holy Spirit?
5. "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." (Engstrom) How might trying a First Serve or how has serving regularly helped you discover more about yourself?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day One: Mark 9; Psalm 126

Day Two: Numbers 9; Proverbs 2

Day Three: Galatians 3; 1 Kings 22

Day Four: Revelation 18; Ezekiel 3

Day Five: Job 2; Acts 14

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