

## Receiving Abundant Life

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John 13:1-17

1. We are all servants in the Body of Christ.
2. We have to receive to experience abundant life.
3. You will be blessed when you serve and allow others to serve you.

**Further study:** Ezekiel 36:25-26, Matthew 5:1-9, Luke 22:24-27

### **Questions to consider:**

Who is God calling you to serve?

Have you stopped someone from serving you?

Who do you need to allow to serve you?

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**Luke 22:24-27** *“Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. 25 Jesus told them, “In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called ‘friends of the people.’ 26 **But among you it will be different.** Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. 27 Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.”*

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**John 13:1-5**

- 1. We are all servants in the Body of Christ.**

**Ezekiel 36:25-26** *“Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.”*

**Matthew 5:1-9**

**John 13:6-11**

- 2. We have to receive to experience abundant life.**

**John 13:12-17**

**3. You will be blessed when you serve and allow others to serve you.**

Sanctity of Life announcement:

We wanted to discuss as a church our stance on abundant life. We encourage all people to experience the abundant life of Jesus. No matter what your past is or your present. We believe that Jesus died on the cross for all humans. In that conviction and belief, we see the writings of King David in Psalm 139:13-16 to be inspired by God:

“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and **knit me together in my mother’s womb. 14** Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! **Your workmanship** is marvelous—how well I know it. **15** You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. **16** You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.”

There will be an amendment (3) on the ballots called: Right to Reproductive Freedom Initiative. We believe and encourage you to support human life from the **womb to the tomb** and vote no on amendment 3. Our local Options Pregnancy Resource clinic has provided some material for our education as we head to vote on Amendment 3 on November 5th. Current MO pro-life laws **already** protect women for care with approving abortions that are critical to their health in the instance of an ectopic pregnancy, rape/incest or miscarriage pregnancies.

The details and implications of approval of this amendment hinder the rights of lives of those within the womb. **A NO vote on amendment 3 would support the conviction of the protection of human lives.**

Our conviction of this view as a church in no way casts judgment on anyone who has had an abortion **or** anyone who has supported/encouraged one. We want all humans to experience the abundant life of Jesus. There’s information on the table in the foyer for you to read on the exact verbiage of this amendment and some implications of a passage of this amendment. We, as a leadership team, are certainly open to dialogue on this.