

Talk It Over

Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.

Week 4: A Starting Point for Service

Discuss:

1. Do you currently have a regular opportunity to serve in your life? What do you do? Why do you do it? What does this opportunity do for you?
2. What did the author of the Book of James mean when he said, “So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead”? What are the “works” the author is talking about? Read chapter 2 of the Book of James to find the answer.
3. Why do you think volunteerism is on the decline in our culture? Why don’t people serve?
4. What does serving do for our own growth and development? How does serving provide a check on our ego?
5. What do you think about the idea of giving 10% of your work time to serving—i.e., working 40 hours a week and serving 4 hours a week? Is this reasonable? Is it doable?
6. Is your current level of serving too much, not enough, or just about right? Can you serve too much? What next steps would be helpful for you to take in the area of serving?

