

AMPLIFY: Service

Lesson 1: Life-changing Service

What we want students to learn: That the heart of service is seen in God's desire to provide for us, His children.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To understand that they are called to serve others, and to evaluate their attitudes toward serving.

Scripture Focus: Psalm 23, Deuteronomy 15:7-11, 1 John 3:17-19, 1 Peter 4:10-11

Overview: Christian service is best understood as work done for others in the name of God, bringing good to others and glory to God. Service is central to what it means to be a Christ-follower. We see this in the very character of God Himself. Throughout the Bible, God provides for us, His children. In His great efforts to meet our needs, we see the foundations of the call to serve others. Scripture builds on this and shows that as God's people, we are called to serve others, in His name, as well. The goal of this service-driven love is long-term, Gospel-centered impact on those we serve, doing good for them and bringing glory to God. This lesson will help your students grasp these truths and will challenge them on their current attitudes toward serving others.

Lesson 2: The Servant Who Suffered

What we want students to learn: That Jesus was the ultimate Servant, modeling service for His followers through giving His life on the cross.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To see service as one of the defining marks of their identities as Christ-followers.

Scripture Focus: Isaiah 53:3-5, Philippians 2:5-8, John 13:1-16, John 15:12-13

Overview: In Lesson 1, you helped to show your students that service is grounded in God's character. In this lesson, you'll take this concept one step further. You'll help show students that Jesus acted as a living example of what it means to sacrificially serve others, even to the point that He went to the cross for the good of humankind. As Christ-followers, your students are called to follow Jesus' example of service. This means that they must be willing to serve at cost to themselves, often venturing out of their comfort zones in order to serve others. But, you'll also help them see that when they serve others, they're clearly reflecting a watching world a picture of Christ.

Lesson 3: Living as a Faithful Servant

What we want students to learn: That life as a Christ-follower is marked by service that ultimately serves to share the Gospel with the world.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To commit to defined, doable acts of service that will meet the needs of those around them in the name of Christ.

Scripture Focus: Mark 10:35-45, Matthew 23:11-12, Philippians 2:14-18, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Overview: As you seek to wrap up your study on service and what it means to be a servant, you're going to pull all of what you've studied together in one final charge to your students. You're going to drive home the point that being a servant is one of the defining calls of Christ-followers. It's a shift in focus that happens when students see other's needs as something important and compelling. Seeking to meet these needs isn't easy. But the goal is that people would see their sacrifice and service and be drawn to Christ. You'll end this lesson with a challenge to students to nail down some very practical, very doable ways of serving those around them, and to take it a step further and identify this service with their love for Christ.