

## THE STRATEGY: SERVE (PART 1)

### Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. **Romans 12:1-2**

### I. The Motivation for Service

### II. The Marks of Service

#### a. A Living Sacrifice

b. A Right Mindset

### III. The Opportunity for Service

### Getting to Know You

1. Tell about a time that someone ministered to you in a special way.

### Into the Bible

2. Ephesians 5:22-6:9 has instructions for living together in Christian households. Skim through this passage and list some principles that would help you to serve wherever the Lord has put you.

3. In the law given to Israel, there is a beautiful picture of voluntary service. Read Deuteronomy 15:12-18. How is the response of the freed slave like our service to Jesus Christ?

## Application

4. In Mark 9:30-40 Jesus tells the disciples what the expectation is for a servant in the kingdom. How does your service measure up?

5. In 1 Corinthians 12:21-26, Paul says that body parts that do humble service are given special honor. What can you do this week to show special honor to people in the church who you consider that their service is humble?

## For Families

6. Involve your children in the discussion of question 5. They will probably recognize servants that you overlook.