

Hope Chapel Series: “Messy to Manageable” part 5

Message Summary: I love the fact that we have a culture of serving here at HC. It is one of the qualities that makes Hope Chapel such a remarkable place. This church is such a beautiful example of what can happen when serving becomes the norm instead of being a spectator. BUT, as wonderful as all these things are, serving is still messy. It’s not always perfect, stress free, and filled with joy. Today we want to take a realistic look at serving.

The Messiness of Serving

Why is serving messy?

- 1. Serving Involves Risk** - Hebrews 11:6
- 2. Serving Involves Experimentation** - 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
- 3. Serving Involves Working with Others** - Philippians 2:2
- 4. Serving Involves Time** - Matthew 6:33

How do we follow Jesus through the messiness of serving?

- 1. Commit to a Lifestyle of Serving** - Titus 2:14
- 2. Discover Your God Designed Gift(s)** - Ephesians 2:10
- 3. Re-Prioritize Your Time** - Philippians 2:3-4
- 4. Let Jesus Have Ownership** - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

LifeGroup QUESTIONS:

BEGIN IT (5min) – Opening praise song and prayer.

OPEN IT (10min) - What has been your own experience with serving? Have you ever experienced any messiness in your serving? If so, share about this experience.

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Review Sunday’s sermon outline and answer the following questions:

1. Discuss each of the four reasons we experience messiness in serving. Which ones can you relate to and why?
2. Discuss the four ways we follow Jesus in the messiness of serving. Which ones have made a difference in your own life? Which ones do you still struggle with at times?
3. How may God want you to be a part of serving at Hope Chapel this Fall? What barriers are keeping you from serving?

APPLY IT (15min) - What changes in your personal life will you need to make in order to serve in the way God designed you?