



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

Love through Service- Mark 10:45

1. Greatness Through Serving

In Mark 10, James and John sought positions of honour and influence, while Jesus taught that true greatness comes through serving others. Where do you see the tension between serving yourself and serving others in your own life? What makes it difficult to embrace Jesus' definition of greatness?

2. Making God's Love Visible

The sermon emphasized that God's love needs to be expressed through action, not simply words or good intentions. Can you recall a time when someone's practical act of service helped you experience God's love? What made that experience particularly meaningful?

3. The Ministry of Showing Up

Jesus stopped for Bartimaeus when others were passing him by. The sermon reminds us that sometimes the most important thing we can offer another person is our presence. Who in your life might need you to simply show up for them right now? What might prevent you from doing so?

4. Serving by Listening

Before helping Bartimaeus, Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" Rather than assuming what someone needs, Jesus listened. How well do you listen to the needs of others before offering advice, solutions, or help? What would change in your relationships if you became more intentional about listening first?

5. Generosity With What We Have

The sermon highlighted that serving doesn't necessarily require extraordinary abilities or financial resources. We can serve through our time, talents, possessions,

and everyday opportunities. What resources, abilities, or experiences has God given you that you could use more intentionally to serve others? Are there things you might need to give up to make room for serving?

6. Serving as a Living Witness

The sermon connects serving others with helping people encounter Jesus, particularly those who do not yet know Him. How can acts of service create natural opportunities for meaningful conversations about faith? How do we serve people with genuine love rather than making them feel like a project or someone we are trying to “convert”?

7. Moving From Good Intentions to Action

The sermon concluded by inviting everyone to consider what God might be asking them to do this week. Think of one person in your life whom God may be inviting you to serve. What is one specific, practical action you could take this week to demonstrate Christ's love to that person? What would help you follow through?

Suggested Closing Reflection

Invite each person to quietly consider these two questions from the sermon:

1. What did I most need to hear from God through this message?
2. What specific step is God inviting me to take this week?