

RESOLUTE *Together*

RESOLUTE TOGETHER: SERVING THE MINISTRY

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SUMMARY

The 4-week series, Resolute Together, explores the four core commitments of TBC membership: protecting the unity of the church, joining the mission of the church, supporting the life of the church, and serving the ministry of the church. The challenge for TBC is not whether we should be resolute, but how we can ensure we stand resolute together as a church family. This week, we ask, “Will we serve the ministry of the church?” While serving often brings to mind volunteer roles and ministry opportunities, Scripture reminds us that service begins with the heart. Before we discover our gifts or find places to serve, we are called to develop the humble, servant-hearted mindset of Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-8

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of the servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Rick Warren

“Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.”

Philippians 2:5 ESV

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

Philippians 2:5 CSB

⁵ Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus,

Philippians 2:5 NIV

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

WHEN YOU SERVE:

- Start with the Heart
- Use the Gifts God has Given
- Build up the Body

Mark 10:45

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

1 Peter 4:10

¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

Ephesians 4:11-12

¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who is someone you know whose servant-hearted attitude has made a lasting impact on your life? What made their example so memorable?
2. Read Philippians 2:3-8. According to verses 3-4, what attitudes and motivations are believers commanded to reject, and what attitudes are we called to pursue instead?
3. In verses 5-8, how does Jesus model true humility and service? What stands out most to you about His example? How does it challenge your own assumptions and attitudes about what it means to be a servant?
4. When discussing "serving the ministry of the church," we often focus on discovering spiritual gifts or finding a place to serve. Why do you think it is easy to overlook the servant-hearted attitude described in Philippians 2? What can happen when service is disconnected from humility and Christlike love?
5. Read 1 Peter 4:10. According to this verse, what responsibility does every believer have regarding the gifts God has given them? How have you seen God use different gifts within the church body?
6. Read Ephesians 4:11-12. According to these verses, who is responsible for the work of ministry? How does this challenge the idea that ministry is primarily the responsibility of pastors and church staff?
7. In what ways are you currently serving others inside or outside the church? Are there gifts, abilities, experiences, or opportunities God may be calling you to use more intentionally?
8. How did God get your attention most from the sermon or passage this week?

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