

Vision Cast 2025: Rooted In Routine
Rooted In Service That Changes Lives (3 of 5)
Cornerstone Church of Poway
Pastor Ed Turley
January 12th, 2025

Sermon Notes

Our Mission as a church is "*Helping people find and follow Jesus*"

Our Vision: To be a church who worships passionately, connects in community, grows in faith, **serves selflessly**, and shares Jesus boldly.

Big Idea: Consistent service helps us grow spiritually, stay anchored during challenges, and leave a lasting impact on the next generation.

Why is the Routine of Service Important?

1. Service Creates Consistency in Seeking God

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." ³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. ³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." ³⁸ "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" ³⁹ "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." ⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, **whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant**, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ **For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.**" **Mark 10:35-45 (NIV)**

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2: Service Provides Stability During Challenges

"**All the believers** devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to **fellowship**, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer." **Acts 2:42 (NLT2)**

Remember Verse

"We have **different gifts**, according to the **grace** given us. If a man's gift is **prophesying**, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is **servicing**, let him serve; if it is **teaching**, let him teach; if it is **encouraging**, let him encourage; if it is **contributing** to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is **leadership**, let him govern diligently; if it is showing **mercy**, let him do it cheerfully."

Romans 12:6-8 (NIV)

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

Big Idea: Consistent service helps us grow spiritually, stay anchored during challenges, and leave a lasting impact on the next generation.

Icebreaker: What's a memorable experience where someone served you in a meaningful way? How did it impact you?

Opening Prayer:

“Lord, thank You for calling us to serve as Jesus did. Help us grow through service, find stability in challenges, and lead the next generation to follow You. Guide our discussion today. Amen.”

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1. Service Creates Consistency in Seeking God

Read: Mark 10:35-45

How does serving regularly help us stay connected to God?

What are ways you can personally serve that will help you seek God more consistently?

What do you think it means to serve with the heart of Jesus (**Mark 10:45**)?

Identify one area where you could consistently serve at church or in the community.

2. Service Provides Stability During Challenges

Read: Romans 12:6-8

How can serving in a community provide emotional and spiritual stability?

Share a time when serving or being served helped you during a difficult season.

Why do you think God designed us to serve together instead of alone?

Analogy Reflection:

The three-legged stool analogy showed that **service, prayer, and scripture** are essential for balance. Which of these areas feels strongest in your life right now? Which needs more attention?

Think of someone facing a challenge in your circle. How could you serve them this week?

3: Service Leads the Next Generation of Followers

Read: Psalm 145:4

Read: John 21:15-17

Read: 2 Timothy 2:1-6

What are ways we can model servant leadership for young believers?

How does serving help shape the faith of children and younger generations?

Who in your life has modeled Christ-like service to you?

Analogy Reflection: The relay race example reminds us to pass on the baton of faith. What spiritual habits do you want to pass on to the next generation?

Challenge: Choose one way to serve with someone younger this week (e.g., mentoring, family service project).

Closing Prayer:

“Lord, thank You for calling us to live out our faith through service. Help us serve with joy, stability, and purpose. May our actions point others to Your love and leave a lasting impact on the next generation. Amen.”