

WEEKEND OF SERVICE

Weekend of Service Growth Group Homework For the week of April 30, 2017

This past weekend, we mobilized our entire church family with the mission of showing God's love and impacting our community for Jesus. The time in your group this week will be spent looking back on the weekend to share stories of what was experienced, how you saw God work, and what you learned about yourself and serving others.

Note To Those Who Were Unable To Participate In A Project:

Even if you weren't able to participate in a project during the Weekend of Service, know that your presence this week will be important to your group when praying for our community and reflecting on how God worked.

LOOKING BACK TO MOVE FORWARD

1. What were one or two highlights for you at your project(s)?

2. Looking back at your *Weekend of Service* experience, can you think of any ways God encouraged you, challenged you or taught you something new about what it means to serve him and/or others?

How could what you learned last weekend encourage you to think and live differently in the following areas?

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| ⇒ Schedule | ⇒ Working with others |
| ⇒ Attitude | ⇒ Serving others |
| ⇒ Expectations | ⇒ Other |

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

1. Last week we prayed in our Growth Groups that our efforts from the weekend would create opportunities to show God's love and tell people about Jesus in the weeks, months and years to come. At your project site, did you have the opportunity to interact with anyone about the reason for *Weekend of Service*, or to tell your story, etc.? If so, explain.

Since the event, have you had the opportunity to tell a friend, relative or co-worker about *Weekend of Service*? If you did, what was their response?

2. How does *Weekend of Service* line up with what Jesus taught in Matthew 5:13-16?

Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. [NIV]

What could be some possible hindrances to *Weekend of Service* having a lasting impact?

3. As followers of Jesus, we are counted on to do something with what we know. Beyond *Weekend of Service*, what motivation and/or direction do the following verses give us on how we can continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our community?

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. [NIV]

1 Timothy 6:17-19

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. [NIV]

Philippians 2:3

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves [NIV]

Jesus distilled our job description as his followers down to this: Love God with all you've got and love others as you love yourself (paraphrase of Matthew 22:35-40). We also know that what we do throughout the year is far more important than anything we'll ever do on a weekend. Can you think of anything you want to make sure you continue to do and/or start doing to serve others and our community?

PRAYING FOR EFFECTIVENESS

God gives us the privilege and opportunity to pray for effectiveness in bringing others closer to him.

Take a few minutes and pray for...

... those you served - that they may see God's love and take steps to know him.

... the specific organizations we partnered with in serving - that they may continue to be effective in meeting community needs.

... North Coast - that we may continue to grow in our effectiveness in reaching our community for Jesus and be a place where people want to grow and bring their friends.

... yourself - that you may know how to serve others with the attitude of Christ and have opportunities to tell others about him.

Tell us your stories and thoughts about Weekend of Service:

Capturing stories of how God worked and how people were impacted is important for North Coast as a whole and for others to see how God worked. You can email your stories directly to info@northcoastchurch.com, call the church office and leave a voicemail (760) 724-7074 x129, post on North Coast's Facebook page at facebook.com/NorthCoastChurchVista, or tag your pictures #weekendofservice. Thank you for serving