



HOW TO ECHO | WEEK 4

ICE BREAKERS

- How do you react when someone asks you to help them move; or pick up trash with *The Trash Punx*; or host or lead a group; or serve in Kids Ministry?
 - "Poop. No way!"
 - "Why don't they find someone else?"
 - "I wish I could, but I'm so busy!"
 - "YESSS!"
- Why do you react that way? What types of service do you like to be asked to do?

READ

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NLT)

⁸"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.¹⁰For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

QUESTION TO CONSIDER

1. What does it mean to be saved? Is that something you can do for yourself?
2. How did Jesus serve you and me?

3. Have you experienced Jesus' salvation? If you haven't, what is holding you back? Do you have some questions or doubts we might be able to help you with?
4. Would 2 or 3 of you like to share your story of how you received Jesus and His forgiveness?



READ

John 13:14-17 (NLT)

¹⁴“And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, **you ought to wash each other's feet.** ¹⁵I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. ¹⁶I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, **God will bless you for doing them.**”



QUESTION TO CONSIDER

1. When Jesus calls us to serve, He isn't asking us to do anything He hasn't already done. One of the ways we passionately follow Jesus is to serve Him, by serving others. How does it make you feel to know that God created you with a purpose in mind? What might that look like for you?
2. Jesus promises that God will bless you when you obey the Father. How have you experienced God's blessing when you serve?



READ

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”



QUESTION TO CONSIDER

1. Peter is writing to followers of Jesus. What did he mean when he said each of you has been given a gift from “his great variety of spiritual gifts?” Are we all called to serve the same way?

2. Pastor Paul said we choose not to serve because of selfishness, busyness, insecurity. Can you think of other reasons? Which issue do you struggle the most with, when it comes to serving?
3. Putting all your cards on the table, how do you feel God is asking you to serve right now? Have you said YES? If not, what is holding you back?

If anyone in your group has not found a place to serve yet, encourage them to [sign up for ACTIVATE](#) the week of August 30th.



PRAYER

Share about ways you are serving, and how you need prayer.

If you are not serving, how can we pray for you? Are you insecure about serving, and need help relying on and trusting God's spirit? Do you need to eliminate, reduce, or shift some things in your schedule so that you have time to serve? Do you need someone to train you, to mentor you, to encourage and support you? Do you need Jesus to change your selfish heart? Ask Jesus to soften your heart; to help you experience and fill you with His love, and to give you a desire to respond by loving Him and others.

Pray for one another.

Thank you Jesus, for leaving heaven and coming to earth to serve me by suffering and dying on the cross for my sins. Thank you for creating me on purpose. With purpose. Help me to say YES to you in EVERY area of life. Help me to passionately follow you by serving others in whatever way you ask me too. Help me to live with a YES JESUS attitude. And help me to rely on the power of your Holy Spirit in me. Amem!
