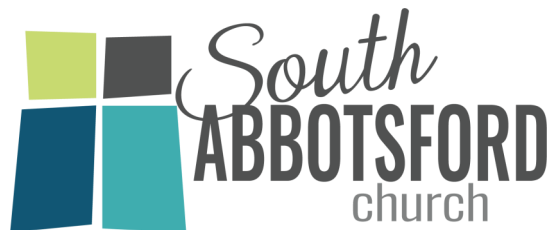


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WARM-UP

We are past the disbelief of the impact of the novel coronavirus lockdown. We are adapting every week to the health, social, and financial world that we live in. By now you have many stories that bring tears and laughter about how people are serving each other to get through this crisis.

- Tell several of the stories that have inspired you.
- In what ways have you been able to serve others?
- What do you think we have learned that will change Abbotsford, Canada, and the world for good?

DISCUSSION

Jesus taught that to be a disciple is to be a servant.

- What is it that God's servants are assigned to do?
- Pastor Steve taught that we should name ourselves "Servant." How would this help you to improve the way you serve?

Spend a few minutes imagining what it would be like for the disciplined followers of Jesus to live fully as servants like Jesus described in Matthew 20:25-28.

- What would that look like in families? Schools? Workplaces? Business? Towns/cities? Canada? The world?

Pastor Steve offered this description of what servants do: "As a faithful servant you take charge of the resource that God has given you and grow it with fruitfulness and care. None of what you have is yours - you don't own it. It is not for your benefit. You are growing it for the glory of the master and the benefit of others in the world."

- How does this expand or change your understanding of Spirit-led serving?

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PRAYER

Pastor Steve taught that we need to act like a servant. “When I see Jesus Christ I simply want to be what He wants me to be.” —Oswald Chambers. Reflect on how acting out these servant attitudes will improve the way you serve:

- Be humble
- Be diligent (hard-working)
- Be obedient
- Be patient
- Be watchful
- Be faithful

We must trust that the Spirit is leading us to serve the world.

- What are the practical lessons that you have learned, and more that you added from the teaching, that will improve your serve in the world?