

# Small Groups - Service Projects Ideas

When the disciples are working to solidify their authority, Jesus' response is a challenge to humble ourselves to become a servant. Serving the least of these is part of our calling as disciples of Jesus.

[Mark 10:43b-45 NLT] "Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Small Groups serving together provide accountability and comradery. We can accomplish more together. We know that we can have good intentions, but life gets busy. Serving as a group can help each other to be intentional to invest in the least of these in our communities where we can experience God's presence and fruit through our lives.

Groups will work within their interests and schedules to identify an organization to serve. Coordinating these service opportunities would be a good place to have others in the group contribute to serve each other.

As a group take time to discuss how you can serve together.

- 1) How often can you serve?
  - What about once a month?
  - Would you be able to use your group meeting time to serve?
  - If you are serving individually, how can you help encourage one another to serve consistently?
  
- 2) Who would be willing to coordinate and communicate with group on serving together?
  
- 3) Below is a list of opportunities to give you some options to consider.
  - ⇒ **Together for Good**: creates pathways for the local church to come alongside vulnerable children and families in Christ-centered ministry.
    - **Crisis Hosting**: Temporary hosting of vulnerable children to give parents a safe option during crisis.
    - **Respite Care**: Respite care of children for moms in distress; a few hours weekly or one weekend per month.
    - **Relational Support**: become a Mom's Advocate to walk with a mom and share your faith and hope with her.
    - **Wrap-Around Care**: Provide rides for moms that need help getting to appointments, etc. support WPC host families with meals and prayer when they are hosting, other needs as requested by TFG.

- ⇒ **Arrive Ministries:**
  - being English tutors through *Somali Adult Literacy Training* program
  - supporting refugee family through *Refugee Life Ministries* program
- ⇒ **Freedom Works:** Christian community that transforms lives through personal accountability, service and fellowship through reconciliation to God, family, and the community.
- ⇒ **Building relationships with neighbors**
  - Here are a couple resources for guide and practical steps to engage in these relationships:
    - [\*The Art of Neighboring\*](#)
    - [\*The Hopeful Neighborhood\*](#)
    - [\*I Once Was Lost\*](#)
- ⇒ **Eastside Meals on Wheels:** They need volunteers to deliver meals Mon-Fri. The meals are ready for pick up at 11:15am at our Lincoln St entrance.
- ⇒ **Second Harvest** provides food to many of the food pantries in the city. They need volunteers to help pack the food being distributed. They have several shifts a day at multiple locations.
  - [Maplewood](#): morning and afternoon shifts
  - [Brooklyn Park](#): morning, afternoon, and evening shifts
- ⇒ **Salvation Army:** There are several ways to get involved with SA through food shelf, working with kids, or administrative opportunities.
- ⇒ **Feed My Starving Children:** pack meals shipped to different parts of the world. Most days has multiple shifts available throughout the day.