INTRODUCTION

Everyone should be part of something bigger than themselves, and one of the best ways to do this is by serving God through helping others. Service starts with God! When we serve others, we're actually serving God.

- What does the word "serve" mean?
- Did you know that the word "serve" has more than twenty meanings? It can mean offering food, helping others, spending time, working, giving honor, or even being obedient.
- Who do you serve in your life?
- What do you do to serve others?

Read: Romans 12:4-6

• Each one of us has a body, and that body has many parts. These parts all have different uses. 5 In the same way, we are many, but in Christ we are all one body. Each one is a part of that body. And each part belongs to all the other parts. 6 We all have different gifts. Each gift came because of the grace that God gave us. If one has the gift of prophecy, he should use that gift with the faith he has.

EBWM Youth Ministries

Today's Topic: SERVING GOD!



Verse of the Day:

Mark 10:45 (NKJ)

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, help me be kind today. Guide me to speak kindly, show care, and share Your love.

Help me bring peace, show love where there is hate, and forgive where there is hurt.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

- 1. What kinds of gifts do you think this passage is talking about?
- 2. Which kinds of gifts do you see in your family members or friends?
- 3. What gifts do you have that you could use to serve others?

God has given each of us special gifts to use for Him. Now let's find out more about how to use those gifts to serve God.

Read: Psalms 100:2

 Serve the Lord with joy. Come before him with singing.

What does this passage say about how we should serve God?

Your attitude matters to God. I think a cheerful person is more pleasant to be around than a grumpy person.

Experiment:

- 1. Two helpers. One will be the Sunny Servant, and one will be the Grumpy Griper.
 - 1. Wouldn't it be awful if everyone in our lives were grumpy and unwilling to help?

2. Jesus is a great example of how to be a willing servant of God. He even died on the cross for us!

Read: Matthew 20:26-28

2. But it should not be that way among you. If one of you wants to become great, then he must serve the rest of you like a servant. 27 If one of you wants to become first, then he must serve the rest of you like a slave. 28 So it is with the Son of Man. The Son of Man did not come for other people to serve him. He came to serve others. The Son of Man came to give his life to save many people."

1. How do you think a king would treat a servant?

This is how we'd expect a king and his servant to interact! But in the passage, we just read, Jesus surprises us by saying the opposite. He tells us that if we want to be truly great, we should be ready to serve everyone who needs our help.

^{2.} How can you be a willing servant at home? with your friends?