

Get Dirty

Week 1 // SWITCHgroup Questions

From the beginning, serving has involved getting dirty. God Himself got His hands dirty when He created man. Jesus got His hands dirty cleansing lepers and healing the sick. If we want to get involved in the life of Jesus, it means we expect to Get Dirty. It may be dangerous and will for sure be fun. It is impossible to serve from a safe distance. Let's roll up our sleeves, dive into the lives of those who need Jesus, and wash some dirty feet!

The Point: Getting dirty is expected.

Leaders: Choose questions from these suggestions to help your group process, personalize, and take action on this week's message. Don't feel like you need to do them all and try not to read from the sheet.

Icebreakers:

1. Do you like to get dirty (literally: like muddy, greasy, stained, etc.)? Why or why not?
2. Describe a time in your life when you were the dirtiest.

What do I think?

1. What do you think it means to get dirty in a spiritual sense?
2. Do you think most people live their Christian lives expecting to get dirty?
3. Why do you think followers of Christ have a hard time serving others?
4. Why do you think Jesus expects us to get dirty?

What does God say?

1. Matthew 23:11 NIV says, "The greatest among you will be your servant." What do you think that actually means?
2. When Jesus played in the mud and healed the blind man, do you think He was concerned about what others thought about Him while He served?
3. Why do you think we care so much about what others think?
4. What are some benefits of living the life of a "dirty" servant?
5. What are some drawbacks of living the life of a "dirty" servant?
6. On a scale of 1-10, 10 being, "I'm a dirty servant like Jesus," how dirty are you?

What steps will I take?

1. Take some time this week to identify how dirty you are when it comes to serving.
2. Make a commitment to get dirty this week and serve someone.

Group Challenge:

Option 1: With a permanent marker, make a mark on the back of one of your hands. Let your dirty hand be a reminder to serve someone this week.

Option 2: Serve people in your family this week and be ready to share your experience with the group next week.

Option 3: Plan a service project with a local organization and get together with your group and get dirty in your community.

Option 4: Show up early next week for SWERVE and see if you can get dirty while you set up for the experience.