



*Ministry of Biblical Studies*

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**July Bible Study Series**

**July 24th: Joy in Serving Others**

"Understanding Joy in Serving Others" | Philippians 2:1-4



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**Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church**  
**Ministry of Biblical Study Classes**  
July 24, 2024

**“Joy in Serving Others:  
Understanding the Joy in Serving Others”**  
Philippians 2:1-4

**Introduction**

The Bible repeatedly emphasizes the importance of serving others. True joy is found not in selfish pursuits but in selfless acts of love and kindness. Serving others reflects Christ's love and brings fulfillment and purpose to our lives.

**Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-4**

Paul's exhortation to the Philippians highlights the importance of humility and unity. By valuing others above ourselves and looking out for their interests, we follow Christ's example of selflessness. This attitude fosters a deep sense of joy and fulfillment.

- Discuss how Paul's letter emphasizes humility and the importance of valuing others above ourselves.
- Reflect on how serving others aligns with Christ's example.

**Examples of Joy in Service**

Scripture Reading: John 13:1-17 (Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet)

- Discuss the significance of Jesus washing the disciples' feet and the joy that comes from serving others humbly.

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:36-42 (The Story of Tabitha/Dorcas)

- Highlight how Tabitha's acts of kindness and service brought joy to her community and led to her being remembered fondly.

## The Rewards of Serving Others

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-40

- Discuss how serving others is seen as serving Christ Himself.
- Reflect on the eternal rewards mentioned by Jesus for those who serve others.

## Overcoming Obstacles to Joyful Service

Discussion Questions:

- What are some common obstacles that prevent us from finding joy in serving others?
- How can we overcome these obstacles?

Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:9-10

- Encourage perseverance in doing good and serving others despite challenges.
- How can we incorporate service into our daily lives?
- What are some ways we can serve within our church and local community?

## Reflection and Commitment

Spend a few minutes in silent reflection, asking God to reveal areas in your life where you can serve others more joyfully.

**Write down one specific way you will serve others this week.**

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