

FACILITATOR GUIDE

WEEK 7



Preparation

WEEK SEVEN OBJECTIVE:

Affirm those in your group and empower them to explore their spiritual gifts to be used in God's Kingdom.



Read

Read pages 63-66. (Reminder Tips for Serve Experience are on pages 59-62.)



Communicate

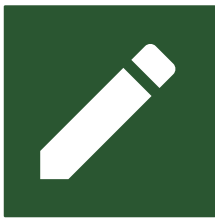
Encourage your group mid-week. Remind those who signed up to share their 2-5 minute story, connect with whoever signed up for snacks, and remind the group members to come with one of the Spiritual Inventories completed.

Assessment 1

Assessment 2



Preparation Continued



Prepare

This week encourages you as a facilitator to pray a prayer of blessing over each person at the end of group time. This prayer affirms what they have said about their gifts and encourages them to lean into their gifts and to continue to renounce their strongholds. Think through what you might include in your prayers.



Pray

- Pray that people would have a purpose bigger than themselves.
- Pray that your group wouldn't be afraid to dream big and that they would boldly move forward using their gifts to join God in His work to bring help and hope to the world.



When You Gather

01 Serve Experience

Remind them about Serve Week Experiences dates, times and any specific details to come prepared for experience.

02 Upcoming

Next week we will start back out in the Adult Ministry Center to hear from Mark Christian. Then we will break into our classrooms.

03 Celebration

Ask the group members who will be present for the Rooted Celebration. Make note to send this information to Elijah next week.

04 Memorize

Review the Memory Verse-Romans 8:1-2, Ephesians 6:17-18, Philippians 4:6-7, Colossians 1:13, Ephesians 2:10, and Matthew 25:40.

05 Theme

Aligning our hearts with the heart of Christ. Determining how our lifestyle of service fits into God's plan of kingdom expansion.



Gathering Continued

06 Introduction Questions

Where did you see God show up in your life this week?
If you had more money in your bank account than you could count, what would you pour your life into?

07 Story

Have whoever was scheduled share their 2-5 minute story.

08 Discussion

Who are the marginalized people and outcasts of society today? Who is your neighbor?

Where have you seen Jesus “disguised” as someone in need? What was your response?

Were you ever on the receiving end of another person’s help? What did the person’s actions tell you about him or her?

Where are you more comfortable serving, in the church or in the community? Why?

How does this definition of poverty change your view of those in need?

What is your reaction when you encounter situations of injustice?

Where have you experienced the compassion of God in your life? Where have you experienced the compassion of others? Where have you experienced a lack of it?



Gathering Continued

09 Discussion Continued

What are obstacles to a lifestyle of service that you have experienced?

What are things you can do this week in service to someone in your life and/or those living in poverty?

What are your thoughts about our call to help bring peace-shalom- to our world? Is it overwhelming for you or does it excite you?

10 Pray

Close your time with prayer for God to bless your group and the upcoming Serve Experience and pray a prayer of blessing over each person in your group. This prayer affirms what they have said about their gifts and encourages them to lean into their gifts and to continue to renounce their strongholds.

