



# PLANTED

## Serving

1. Martin Luther King, Jr. said in a 1963 sermon, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"
  - a. How would you respond to this question?
  - b. What has God done for you? How does that relate to what you do for others?
2. Read 1 Peter 4:7-11 together.
  - a. What commands do you notice in this passage? Which is most challenging to you?
  - b. What gifts have you received from God (v. 10-11)?
  - c. How would it look for you to be a "faithful steward of God's grace"?
3. What might keep you or other people from serving?
4. Share a time when you served in a meaningful way. How did that feel? Did it come with any personal sacrifices? What did you gain or learn?
5. Read Matthew 25:34-40.
  - a. What does Jesus expect from his followers?
  - b. How is he calling you to serve, maybe doing the kinds of things described in v. 35-36?
6. How might the gifts you've received from God connect to needs around you? Is there anything God is calling you (and/or your small group) to do?

If you're not sure, brainstorm and ask God for his guidance, creativity, and eyes to see opportunities to serve. Consider holistic needs of individuals and communities, as well as cultivating relationships with, learning from, and preserving the dignity of those you serve.