



SEE A NEED, MEET A NEED

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40

Pray

Begin your planning with prayer, asking God to reveal a person or group who needs to experience the love of Christ. Pray for creativity, open doors and clear opportunities to share His love in meaningful ways.

Take inventory of your group’s skills and passions

Serving becomes more meaningful when your group shares a common passion for a specific need or area of ministry. Spend time discussing the burdens God has placed on your hearts – where do you long to see the kingdom of Heaven invade Earth? Talk through the unique gifts and skills within your group. Do you love to show hospitality? Do you have some handy men who could take on a building project? Is your group passionate about evangelism and seeing people come to know Jesus? Let these conversations guide you toward an opportunity that fits your group’s calling.

Identify the needs of people you know or communities you’re part of

Sometimes the people God is calling us to serve are already in our lives. Have your group consider people they personally know who may have a need you can help meet. This could include your neighbors, the elderly, widows, or even your “one-mores”. Take time to pray and talk together about the people God has already placed around you—how might you step in to serve them with love and intention?

Work with your group to create a plan to meet the need you’ve identified

Once you’ve discerned the need you want to help meet, work together to create a clear, actionable plan. Choose a project that involves everyone and tangibly blesses the person or people you’re serving – this shared effort will make the Serve Experience more meaningful for your group.

Be sure everyone understands the goal of the project and the practical details: when and where it will happen, what supplies are needed, and who’s responsible for what. Most importantly, commit to praying for those you’re serving and for the experience as a group.

Serving in the community is a vital part of following Jesus, and often, you’ll find yourselves just as blessed as those you set out to serve.



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Ideas to get you started:

- Visit a senior care facility and lead a craft, Bible study or just visit with residents
- Bring some baked goods or food to your local police or fire station
- Bless staff at local schools with gift bags and prayer
- Pack hygiene kits and pass them out to homeless people in your area
- Help widows or single moms you know who may need work done on their homes or cars
- Pay for people's groceries in a local grocery store - pray with them when you do!

To participate in some organized serve experiences, visit the Rooted Missions page at lakepointe.church/rooted-missions!