



Our meaning and purpose are not established by serving, but it is by serving that we experience meaning and purpose. **Describe how you have experiences meaning and purpose by serving others through opportunities at Summit Community Church. Were there any personal barriers to serving that you faced? How did / are you working to overcome it?**

Biblical foundations undergird and support how we are to serve in missions. They shape our attitudes, purify our motivations and govern our actions. On Sunday, Gerry discussed five bedrocks of biblical foundation:

1. We rest in secure identity
2. We choose humble servanthood
3. We value interdependent maturity
4. We express courageous love
5. We celebrate God's glory

First, we rest in secure identity. Our past is settled, our present is secure and our future is sure that we are forgiven by God by the blood of Christ, we are a loved child of God and we are in union with Christ. It is important that we build our deep foundation in who we are so that we do not build our identity in the ministries that we serve in. There are many things of this world that we can tie our identity to (relationships, finances, careers, sports/teams, idols, etc). **What is your identity tied to? What are some practical ways we can make sure that we are resting in our secure identity in Christ?**



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Second, we choose humble servanthood. Read **Philippians 2:5-8**. Jesus didn't use His equality with God and His rights as God to His own advantage. Rather, He humbled Himself, which is the very heart of God. **Have you ever thought of God this way? When do we misuse this truth? In what ways have you struggled to show humility in your life recently?**

Third, we value interdependent maturity. On Sunday, Gerry mentioned that one of the greatest illustrations of interdependence is the functioning of the human body. He explained that the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to use this metaphor often (Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 12:12, 18, 19, 21-22, 27). **Share a cool or interesting way that you have seen many different parts and systems working in unity within the church as the body of Christ. Are there ways where you try to express independence rather than interdependence in your life? What can you do to enhance the body of Christ?**

Fourth, we express courageous love. Read **1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13**. **How can showing love increase our effectiveness as we serve in ministry together to edify the church and extend the Kingdom? What is one way that you can express courageous love this week?**

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Finally, we celebrate God's glory. **Read Colossians 3: 17.23.24b, 1 Peter 4:10-11.** Gerry mentions that the heart of an Intentional Follower of Jesus Christ is to bring honour and glory to God. It is a privilege to be involved in his mission and you get to experience joy in seeing how God works through us. **Do you see serving as a privilege? Have you ever tried to take the glory which belongs to God? If so, how can you redirect your focus to give glory to God?**