

*The grace we have received should lead us to demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit toward others in our church, communities, and around the world. The core value—“Saved People Serve People”—is a call to action; a reminder that our spiritual growth should lead to a life of service, kindness, and compassion towards others.*

### **Core Value 5: Saved People Serve People**

**We see a church filled with disciples who utilize their spiritual gifts, abilities, passions, and experience to serve the world and build up the church.** Just as Jesus came not to be served but to serve (*Mark 10:45*), we will become a people for whom serving is as natural as breathing. This will play out in both informal, everyday circumstances as well as in organized ministry programs on our campus, in our community, and around the world. For all of us, this begins with understanding our spiritual gifts, heart, passions, and personality, and then leveraging those for the sake of the world.

# SESSION 5

Saved People Serve People

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

—MARK 10:45



# MATTHEW 14:13-21

Read Aloud in Your Group

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

<sup>15</sup> As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

<sup>17</sup> “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

<sup>18</sup> “Bring them here to me,” he said.

<sup>19</sup> And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.

Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

<sup>20</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

<sup>21</sup> The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.





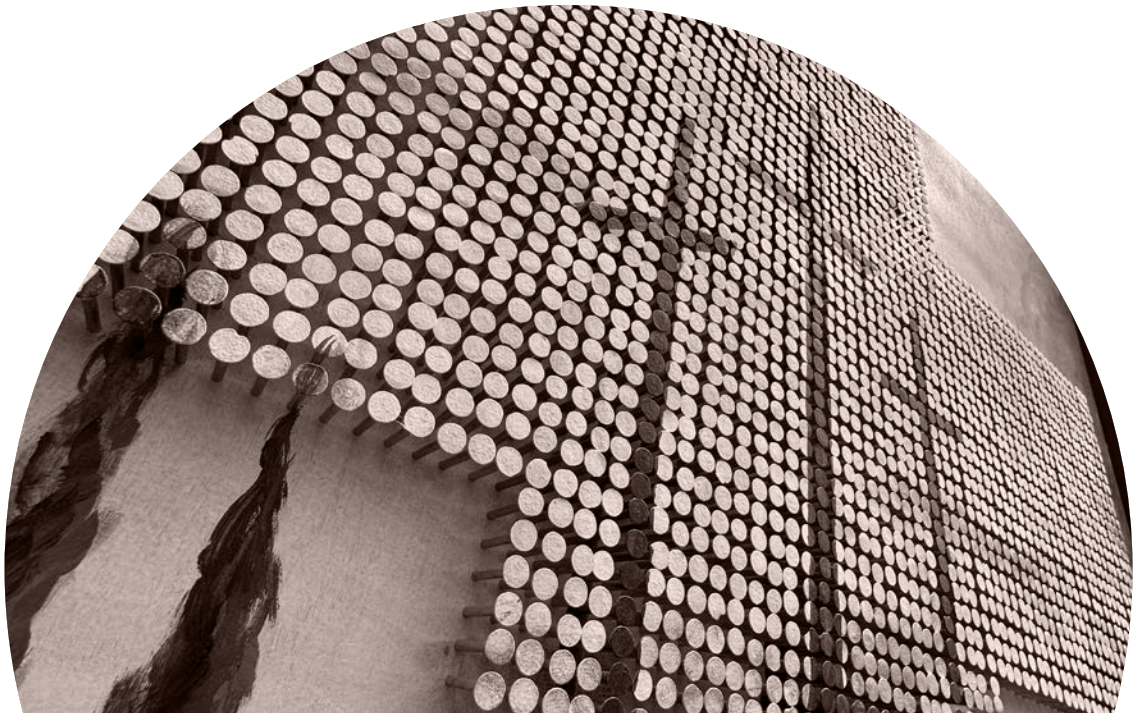
# FOR DISCUSSION

## Saved People Serve People

**INTRODUCTORY QUESTION:** Have you discovered a role to serve within Calvary? If yes, where are you serving? If not, what areas or opportunities interest you?

1. In verse 14, Jesus was “moved with compassion” for the crowd. What does this reveal about His heart for people, and how can we emulate this compassion in our own lives?
2. What role did the disciples play in distributing the multiplied food, and how can we apply this principle in serving others?
3. What are some practical lessons we can draw from this passage about our role as Christ’s followers in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of others?
4. In what ways have you personally experienced the call to serve others after experiencing God’s saving grace?
5. How can we cultivate a culture of service within our small group and embrace the idea of serving others as an expression of our faith?
6. What potential obstacles or hesitations might hinder us from serving others, and how can we overcome them as a group?

7. What spiritual gifts and talents has God given each of us that can be used for serving others effectively?
8. What steps can each of us take individually to embrace our core value of “Saved People Serve People” and actively seek opportunities to serve in our church and community?





## GROUP EXERCISE:

We see clearly in the Bible that saved people serve people, but we also see that we are all called to serve in different ways. The key to serving in a fruitful way is to match your S.H.A.P.E. with ministry needs.

First, make sure you understand your God-given S.H.A.P.E.

### Spiritual Gifts:

### Heart:

### Abilities:

### Personalities:

### Experience:

Second, make sure you understand the ministry needs at your church. On the following page is a list of some of the ministries at Calvary. Cross out three that you would never see yourself in and put a star next to three that may be interesting for you.

From there, compare your S.H.A.P.E. with the ministry needs that most interest you. If you are serving in a ministry that aligns with how God has called you, then continue to lean in with that ministry. If you are not serving, consider this an indication that it may be time to contact the ministry and begin serving.

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| 1. Small Groups                        | 13. Worship technical team       |
| 2. Discipleship Classes                | 14. Fresh Market                 |
| 3. Men's Ministry                      | 15. Food Pantry                  |
| 4. Women's Ministry                    | 16. Angel Threads                |
| 5. Seasoned Adults                     | 17. Foster Youth                 |
| 6. Early Childhood                     | 18. Blanket & Sewing             |
| 7. Elementary                          | 19. Short-Term Mission Trips     |
| 8. Middle School                       | 20. Parking Team                 |
| 9. High School                         | 21. Usher and Greeting Team      |
| 10. Young Adults                       | 22. Welcome and Connections Team |
| 11. Special Abilities                  | 23. Prayer Team                  |
| 12. Worship vocal team, band and choir | 24. Bereavement Team             |
|  | 25. Safety and Security Team     |



# CORE VALUE IN ACTION

## Saved People Serve People

When *Saved People Serve People* comes to mind, Herta is someone who vividly embodies this core value through her deeds and lifestyle. Herta participates in our Tuesday Fresh Market, fulfills the role of a companion in our Seasoned Adults Ministry, and joyfully serves donuts on Sunday mornings.

Herta is also actively engaged in serving outside of Calvary. Several years ago, she crossed paths with a woman named Maria while volunteering at Calvary. This led to the blossoming of a strong friendship between them. Unfortunately, Maria's health took a downturn, eventually requiring hospitalization and her subsequent transition to an assisted living facility. Even though two years have passed, Herta remains steadfast in her commitment to Maria, regularly visiting, making phone calls, offering prayers, and providing practical support.

Herta will be the first to tell you that sometimes serving can be difficult, especially when you're tired. She's honest in her conversations with Jesus. "Sometimes I find myself praying, 'Lord, I'm drained,'" she once said. She has also learned to listen after her prayer time in order to hear Him answer, "I'm holding you up."

When asked why she carries on in her serving others, Herta answered, "Because it fills me. Because I know at the time, I am answering God's call on my life even when I'm tired." I ask myself, "What would Jesus do if He were me?"

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*To learn more about how you can find your place in ministry, enroll in Calvary's Discover My Ministry—Class 301 ([calvarywestlake.org/discipleship-classes](http://calvarywestlake.org/discipleship-classes)).*

