Sermon Handout: Made__. Week 3 Sunday, August 18, 2024 Central Church of Christ

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Main Points:

- 1. **God made all things to serve Him:** Every part of creation is put in place to bring God glory. When creation (including us) fulfills it's purpose in serving God, it reveals His goodness and greatness.
- 2. The God we serve came to serve us: Jesus continually served those in need by feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and exalting the humble.
- 3. **Jesus' ultimate example of serving was the cross:** Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, including Judas who betrayed Him and Peter who denied Him. This symbol of cleansing points us to the cross AND gives us an example of humble service that we must follow as disciples.
- 4. Serving God and others is evidence of transformation in Christ: "God created you and purposed in that creation to reproduce his life in you..." (Charles Stanley). We are called to bear fruit for the Kingdom which is evidence of the transformation Jesus has brought to our lives.

Bottom Line: Serve Jesus by serving others in His name.

Application / Next Steps:

- Serve Jesus above all others by humbly serving as He served.
- ASK: Who can I serve at home? Work? School? My neighborhood?
- Serve at Central. Need ideas of where to serve? Go to www.centrallive.net/serve
- Join a small group community you can serve with. ROOTED (starting September 4th is a great way to get plugged in with a group AND learn the importance of serving during week 5 and week 6.
- SIGN UP TODAY: Meal Packing with Lifeline Christian Mission is this week! Sign up at the Involvement Desk or online today!

Family Discussion Questions:

- 1. What does it mean to be a servant of Jesus?
- 2. How can we serve Jesus and others in our daily lives?
- 3. In what ways does serving help deepen our faith and strengthen our discipleship?
- 4. How can we serve Jesus together as a family at home? At work or school? In our neighborhood?
- 5. Where can we plug in to serving more at church? How will we balance serving with "filling our cup"?

Scripture References: Genesis 2:15; Psalm 119:90-91; Matthew 20:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46; John 13:1-17; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:16; James 1:27

Remember: We are made to serve Jesus who came to serve us and take away our sins. The fruit we bear is evidence of a life transformed by Jesus.



Join us next week to look at how we're made to reach others with the Gospel.

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