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Go Serve Non-Christians!

Section 1

Discuss what you applied in the past seven days from the last Overflow Show.

Read Matthew 14:6-17 This passage bounces through 3 settings quickly, yet this most likely all happened on the same day. Discuss aspects of this passage that might reflect on Jesus' heart to serve others.

Section 2

Go to www.OverflowShow.com and listen to the 5-minute podcast titled Go Serve Non-Christians! (Based on the book unChristian, by David Kinnaman, from Baker Books).

Section 3

What did you think? What stood out to you as you listened?

Do you think Christians have an image problem in our society today? If so, what are some of those negative views? What factors have contributed to this?

Galatians 6:10 tells us to do good for those who are in the family of believers. Discuss the validity of this idea of serving non-believers.

Share any examples of times when you saw someone's service as inconvenient. Did this aspect of the service enhance your appreciation of it at all?

What are some charities or service organizations that individuals you know are involved in?

Can any of you share a certain cause, or type of cause, or specific organization that you could get involved in so that you are serving that cause locally?

The show mentioned some examples of serving others right in your immediate proximity at work, in your neighborhood, or at school. What are the advantages of doing that?

Let's brainstorm together ways we could do that. We need a volunteer. Tell us briefly about your workplace, your school, and your home. Then we as a group will brainstorm ways you could serve others aggressively in one or more of those settings.

Let's take 5 minutes of silent reflection. Write three categories on a sheet of paper: Work, neighborhood, and school, if that applies. Now ask the Lord to give you specific ideas on how you can intentionally begin to serve, in a planned way, in one of two of those categories. Write those down.

The author says that today's younger non-Christians would be much more attracted to a faith they can live, not just learn about. He also stated this: "Non-Christians are waiting for us to provide pathways to Jesus, by helping them serve the significant needs of the world." Agree or not? Why?

The show made a strong critique of Christians who take this position: "My ministry is acts of kindness. I share the gospel with my actions, not words." Let's critique that critique. What are your opinions on this matter?

Section 4

Discuss some ways we could apply a few of these principles in the next 7 days?

One suggestion (if needed): Each group member might agree to make 2 phone calls in the next 2 days. The first is to a friend, pastor, or organization to find out about the cause that we've seen them involved with that serves non-Christians and to ask if they need help. The second would be to a non-Christian classmate, neighbor, or co-worker who we know is going through a troubled time, merely to say, "Is there any way I could help you? Maybe give you a ride somewhere, run errands for you, or help you in another way?"

Meet back next week to report on what happened.

Overflow enthusiastically recommends the book [unChristian](#), by David Kinnaman, from Baker Books.