



Serve

Part 2

Read It Up

Isaiah 62:6–7

Luke 10:25–37

1 Corinthians 12:7

Hebrews 5:12–13

1 Peter 4:10

Start It Up

What was your favorite 1980s TV show? What did you like about it?

Talk It Up

1. Without looking at Luke's account, how much can you recall of the parable of the Good Samaritan? Now read it together to fill in the details.
2. Do you think Jesus was pleased with the lawyer's answer to his own question (Luke 10:27)? Why or why not?
3. What are some common excuses people give for not serving in the church? How would you respond to them? (Check the 1 Corinthians, Hebrews, and 1 Peter passages if you get stuck.)
4. All three of the people who come down the road see the traveler beaten half to death. In what way does the Samaritan see him differently from the others? How can Jesus help you see people as He does?

5. In what three ways does the Samaritan render "first aid"? How can you give that kind of assistance to and through NHC?

Think It Up

Looking forward to a time after the exile, Isaiah wrote, "The LORD has made proclamation to the ends of the earth: 'Say to the Daughter of Zion, "See, your Savior comes! ... You will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted"' (62:11–12). People in your life long to hear the good news that God has sent a Savior for them and that they no longer need feel deserted. The same passage says, "You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth" (vv. 6b–7). As Christians, we should be equally tireless in praying for—and serving—those who have yet to hear how much God loves them.

Pray It Up

Do you believe Jesus is Lord? Do you believe we should do what Jesus tells us to do? If you do, ask God to show you how you can "go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37) this week.

Step It Up

If you are already on a serving team, tell the group what it is. Maybe you can help arrange a Serving Experience so one or more members of the group can shadow you while you work.

If you're not on a serving team (and you've been at NHC for a while), have you identified your spiritual gifts as a starting point to determine where you could join the "A Team"? The church office has several resources to help you do this.