



Week 3 - The Power of Service

Big Idea: *If you're grateful for your local church but not engaged, now is the time.*

Ice Breaker: *If you could change one thing about the world, what would that be and why?*

Discussion:

1. *In what stage do you find yourself in terms of being engaged with the local church? What makes you say that?*

Passive | _____ | Engaged
Consumer Participant

2. Read Matthew 16:13–18. What stands out to you?

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." ¹⁵ Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. ¹⁸ Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. Matthew 16:13–18 NLT

3. If it's true the church in America is in decline, what would it take to reverse that trend? Would you say you're currently helping reverse that trend? What makes you say that?

Closing Activity:

Our mission is to inspire people to follow Jesus. We do that by engaging people with the life and mission of South Reno. Here are three ways you can participate in that:

- **Look for "Come sit with me" opportunities.** Listen for the three "nots" and be ready to invite someone (not in church, not going well, not prepared for life circumstances).
 - ⇒ When was the last time you asked someone to come sit with you? What happened?
 - ⇒ Do you have any hesitations in asking someone to come sit with you? If so, what are they?
- **Participate in a small group.**
 - ⇒ If you are in a group, is it time to consider leading one? Why or why not?
 - ⇒ If you're not currently in a group, would you consider joining one? If not, what are your hesitations?
- **Volunteer.**
 - ⇒ Do you volunteer at your local church?
 - ⇒ If so, talk about your experience doing that. If not, what are your hesitations in volunteering?



Scan this QRC image with your camera app on your phone and let us know you are ready to take the next step of engagement. Or go to the church website: SouthRenoUMC.info and click on the "Difference Maker" card.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.
(1 Corinthians 12:27)