

40 Days of Community
Serving Together
Acts 2:42-47

“You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.” Galatians 5:13

Some Lessons From Paul

- When we commit ourselves to Jesus we experience **freedom**.
“You, my brothers, were called to be free...” Galatians 5:13a
- Our freedom is not an excuse to **indulge** ourselves.
“But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature...” Galatians 5:13b
- Instead, our freedom should lead us to **serve** each other in love.
“...rather, serve one another in love.” Galatians 5:13c
- In other words, one of the clearest ways to **demonstrate** our salvation is by being a **servant** of others.

What Servants Do

- Servants are **attentive** to people and their needs.
- Servants respond to basic needs with **practical help**.
“They love one another. They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them. If they have something they freely give to the man who has nothing; if they see a stranger, they take him home and are as happy as though he were a real brother.” Aristides report to the Emperor Hadrian
- Servants share their **stuff** to help others.
“All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.” Acts 2:44-45
- Servants also use their **unique** wiring to help others.
- Servants serve other believers and also the **needy world**.
- Servants serve best **together**.