

# THE 28th.LIFE

## THE IGNITION

### MODULE 5 — SERVING LIKE JESUS

#### Becoming the Hands and Feet of Christ

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## Module Overview

Jesus did not come to be served.

He came to serve.

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus consistently demonstrated that greatness in God's Kingdom is measured not by power, position, or recognition—but by humble, sacrificial service.

He touched lepers.

He welcomed children.

He fed the hungry.

He comforted the brokenhearted.

He healed the sick.

He washed His disciples' feet.

And ultimately, He gave His life for the salvation of the world.

His example forever changed what leadership and ministry look like.

Throughout **THE SPARK**, you learned to follow Jesus.

During **THE EMBERS**, your faith matured through spiritual disciplines and growing obedience.

In **THE IGNITION**, your growing faith now becomes visible through service.

Serving isn't simply something Christians do.

It is who Christians are.

When we serve, we reflect the heart of Christ.

We become His hands extending compassion.

His feet carrying hope.

His voice speaking encouragement.

His presence bringing light into dark places.

John Wesley often reminded believers that faith without active love is incomplete. His movement became known not only for preaching the Gospel but for caring for widows, orphans, prisoners, the poor, and the sick. Wesley believed that personal holiness always produced social holiness—that a transformed heart naturally expresses itself through compassionate action.

Serving others is not about earning God's favor.

It is the joyful response of people who have already received His grace.

As you learn to serve with humility and love, you will discover that God often transforms your own heart while working through you to bless someone else.

The Holy Spirit empowers us not only to believe the Gospel—but to live it.

**"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."**

— Mark 10:45

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## Learning Objectives

By the end of Module 5, you will:

- Develop the servant heart of Jesus.
  - Understand that service is an act of worship.
  - Learn practical ways to show compassion.
  - Discover opportunities to serve your church and community.
  - Practice hospitality as a ministry.
  - Recognize serving as an everyday lifestyle, not just a church activity.
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# LESSON 17 — THE HEART OF A SERVANT

## Theme

**True greatness begins with humble service.**

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## Key Scriptures

- Mark 10:42–45
  - Philippians 2:1–11
  - John 13:1–17
  - Matthew 23:11–12
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## Big Idea

Jesus calls us to lead by serving and to love through humility.

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## Introduction

Our world often measures success by status.

Jesus measured greatness differently.

On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus did something astonishing.

The King of Kings wrapped a towel around His waist.

He knelt before His disciples.

He washed their feet.

In doing so, Jesus showed that no act of loving service is beneath those who follow Him.

A servant's heart isn't focused on receiving recognition.

It is focused on meeting needs.

Serving requires humility.

Humility requires trust.

And trust allows God to work through ordinary people in extraordinary ways.

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## Developing a Servant's Heart

Ask yourself:

- Where do I notice the needs of others?
- Am I willing to serve when no one notices?
- Do I serve for recognition or out of love?
- How can I imitate Christ's humility today?

The greatest servants are often the least visible.

God sees every act of faithful obedience.

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## Reflection

1. What does Jesus' example of washing His disciples' feet teach you?
  2. Why is humility essential to Christian service?
  3. Where is God inviting you to serve quietly?
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## Weekly Challenge

Perform one anonymous act of kindness this week.

Tell no one.

Allow God alone to receive the glory.

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# Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for showing me what true greatness looks like. Give me a humble heart that willingly serves others with joy, compassion, and love.

Amen.

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## Memory Verse

**"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."**

— Mark 10:43

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## LESSON 18 — HOSPITALITY AND COMPASSION

### Theme

**Simple acts of kindness can become powerful expressions of God's love.**

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### Key Scriptures

- Romans 12:9–13
  - Hebrews 13:1–2
  - Matthew 25:34–40
  - Luke 10:25–37
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## Big Idea

Hospitality is making room in your life for others.

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# Introduction

Hospitality is much more than entertaining guests.

Biblical hospitality is creating space where people experience God's love, acceptance, and care.

Jesus constantly welcomed those whom society overlooked.

He ate with sinners.

He welcomed strangers.

He stopped for people others ignored.

His compassion changed lives.

We practice hospitality whenever we intentionally make others feel seen, valued, and loved.

Sometimes hospitality is opening your home.

Sometimes it's sharing a meal.

Sometimes it's simply listening.

Compassion begins when we slow down long enough to notice people.

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# Living Compassionately

Every day, ask:

- Who needs encouragement today?
- Who feels overlooked?
- Who could benefit from a conversation?
- How can I make someone feel welcomed?

The smallest acts of kindness often become the greatest opportunities for ministry.

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# Reflection

1. Who has shown you Christlike hospitality?
  2. How can your home become a place of ministry?
  3. What opportunities do you have to welcome someone this week?
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# Weekly Challenge

Invite someone to share a meal, coffee, or conversation.

Focus on listening more than speaking.

Pray for them before and after your time together.

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# Prayer

Father,

Open my eyes to the people around me. Help me welcome others with the same love and compassion that Jesus has shown me.

Amen.

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# Memory Verse

**"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."**

— Romans 12:13

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# LESSON 19 — COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**Theme**

**God calls His people to carry His love beyond the walls of the church.**

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## **Key Scriptures**

- Matthew 5:13–16
  - Micah 6:8
  - Acts 1:8
  - James 2:14–17
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## **Big Idea**

Our faith becomes visible when we actively love our communities.

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## **Introduction**

Jesus never waited for people to come to Him.

He went where people were.

Villages.

Homes.

Roadsides.

Fishing boats.

Marketplaces.

Our communities are filled with people who need hope, encouragement, friendship, and practical help.

God often opens doors for the Gospel through simple acts of compassion.

Serving our communities demonstrates the love of Christ before we ever speak His name.

The Church shines brightest when it serves selflessly.



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# Living on Mission

Community outreach can include:

- Feeding the hungry.
- Visiting the lonely.
- Supporting local schools.
- Assisting disaster relief.
- Caring for senior adults.
- Mentoring children.
- Serving local ministries.
- Supporting community events.

Wherever there is need, there is opportunity for ministry.

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## Reflection

1. What needs exist in your community?
  2. Which ones burden your heart?
  3. How can your church become known for serving rather than simply gathering?
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## Weekly Challenge

Participate in one community service project this week or volunteer with a local ministry.

Pray for every person you meet.

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## Prayer

Lord,

Help me see my community through Your eyes. Give me compassion for those who are hurting and courage to become part of Your work of healing and hope.

Amen.

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## Memory Verse

**"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."**

— Matthew 5:16

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# LESSON 20 — SERVING THROUGH THE28th.LIFE

## Theme

**Every believer has a place in God's mission through THE28th.LIFE.**

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## Key Scriptures

- Ephesians 2:10
  - Colossians 3:23–24
  - 1 Corinthians 15:58
  - Matthew 28:18–20
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## Big Idea

God has uniquely positioned you to make an eternal difference.

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## Introduction

One of the beautiful truths of the Christian life is that God invites ordinary people into extraordinary work.

THE28th.LIFE exists to help people discover Jesus, grow in their faith, and become disciples who make disciples.

That mission is only possible because believers faithfully serve together.

Some welcome guests.

Some mentor new believers.

Some lead small groups.

Some pray.

Some teach.

Some serve behind the scenes.

Some create resources.

Some organize outreach.

Some encourage others with a simple conversation.

Every role matters.

Every act of faithfulness contributes to God's Kingdom.

The question is not whether God can use you.

The question is whether you are willing to say yes.

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## Finding Your Place

Prayerfully ask:

- Where can I best serve?
- What gifts has God given me?
- What needs do I see?
- Who can mentor me?
- How can I faithfully contribute to THE28th.LIFE's mission?

Remember:

Faithfulness is far more important than visibility.

God often accomplishes His greatest work through willing servants.

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## Reflection

1. Where do you believe God is inviting you to serve?
  2. What gifts can you offer His Kingdom?
  3. What first step can you take this month?
  4. How can your service help others encounter Jesus?
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## Weekly Challenge

Commit to serving consistently in one ministry for the next three months.

Pray before every opportunity to serve:

**"Lord, let someone see Jesus through me today."**

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## Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for inviting me to participate in Your mission. Help me serve faithfully, love generously, and remain humble in every opportunity You provide. May my life point others to Jesus, and may everything I do bring glory to Your name.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

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## Memory Verse

**"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."**

— Colossians 3:23

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## Module 5 Wrap-Up

Jesus never separated His message from His ministry.

He preached the Good News, but He also fed the hungry, welcomed the outsider, healed the broken, and served with humility. As His followers, we are called to do the same. Throughout this module, you've discovered that serving is not simply another activity to add to your schedule—it is one of the clearest expressions of a life transformed by Christ.

As you faithfully serve, people begin to see the Gospel before they hear it. Compassion opens doors. Hospitality builds relationships. Humility reflects the heart of Jesus. Every act of service becomes an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to reveal God's love through you.

But there comes a moment when our actions must also be accompanied by our words. The people we serve will eventually ask why we care, why we love, and why we continue showing up. When that moment comes, God invites us to share the hope we have found in Jesus Christ.

In **Module 6 — Sharing Your Faith Naturally**, you'll learn how to confidently tell your story, engage in authentic spiritual conversations, answer questions with grace, and lovingly invite others to begin their own journey with Christ. You'll discover that evangelism is not about having all the right answers—it's about faithfully introducing people to the One who changed your life.

The fire is spreading.

Keep serving.

Keep loving.

Keep becoming the hands and feet of Jesus.

Because every act of compassion prepares the way for someone to encounter the Savior.