

(1) Why do some Christians find serving others so difficult? Is it merely an expression of selfishness or are there other underlying causes?

(2) What are some of the misconceptions of what is entailed in serving that were addressed in the sermon? Share from your own experience some of the ways in which you have misunderstood or distorted either the nature of serving or the wrongful motivations people have for serving.

(3) What contribution does 1 Peter 4:10-11 make to our understanding of the nature of serving and how it is to be done?

(4) Answer the same question with regard to Acts 20:35. Why do you think it is true that “it is more blessed to give than to receive”?

(5) Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 and discuss what had happened in the hearts of these Christians in Macedonia. How do you account for it? Describe how you typically respond when you find yourself suffering and in financial stress. Is it similar to how they responded? If not, why not?