

# SERVING *as a* GROUP

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## | NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

It's clear in Scripture that God's heart tips toward the orphan, the widow, the poor, the imprisoned, and the brokenhearted. But how—with the urgency of our weekly responsibilities—do we ensure that serving our community and showing compassion to those in need are priorities? And how do we make it simple for our groups? In this breakout, we will share how we're learning to make serving an integral part of our ministry.

### I. HOW ARE COMPASSION AND SERVICE INTEGRATED INTO YOUR CHURCH'S STRATEGY?

A. We must manage the tension between serving as a \_\_\_\_\_ (what we do) and service as a \_\_\_\_\_ (how we do it).

1. When serving becomes a ministry, we are learning to make it simple.
2. When service is a value, we are making it a priority.

B. To gain long-term traction . . .

1. Service must be anchored in the \_\_\_\_\_ of your church.
2. You must have a mechanism for \_\_\_\_\_ people to serve.

### II. WHAT ARE THE ROLES OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE IN GROUPS?

A. We must manage the tension between mobilizing groups to serve and \_\_\_\_\_ groups for effective service.



B. When we mobilize *and* equip, people will

\_\_\_\_\_.

C. We want to move people from

\_\_\_\_\_ to engagement to

\_\_\_\_\_.

### III. HOW WILL YOU MOBILIZE YOUR GROUPS TO SERVE?

A. We must manage the tension between finding engaging service opportunities and meeting the real needs of our communities.

B. We partner; we don't \_\_\_\_\_.

1. It allows us to leverage our resources to help our partners go further, faster.
2. Partnering instead of pioneering multiplies our \_\_\_\_\_ in the community.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

must be part of the equation.

### CONCLUSION

Our mission is to point people to the One who transforms, and it is a vital mission. Service is a catalyst to this transformation, and the transformation is multiplied when we serve in and as a community. As a result, it is incumbent upon us to equip and mobilize groups to serve in strategic and helpful ways—to make it simple and to make it a priority.

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCES:

*When Helping Hurts* by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert

*The Upside of Tension* (DVD) by Andy Stanley

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[groupleaders.org/berich](http://groupleaders.org/berich)

[theintersectproject.org](http://theintersectproject.org)