

Cultural Pillar #5: WILLING to SERVE

Willing to serve is an adjective (a descriptive word) that describes how someone is – to be ‘ready, eager or prepared to do something’. In a family, everyone plays a part to help the home flow well and to enhance the relationships within the family unit. In a church environment, it is just the same. We are a family, and each person has a part to play to help it flow well together. This comes in all sorts of ways.

The best example (as Christians) that we have of a willingness to serve, is Jesus Christ himself. *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many”.*

Mark 10:45 (NKJV)

“For you, my brothers, were called to freedom; only do not let your freedom become an opportunity for the sinful nature (worldliness, selfishness), but through love serve and seek the best for one another.”

Gal 5:13 (AMP)

This scripture encourages us to use the freedom we have through Christ to love and serve others. Giving us an opportunity to flow in an overflow of what the Lord has done in our lives and to bless others in doing so.

So, what does this look like at Ascende?

- Serving on a team once per month (*most teams have a monthly roster/commitment*)
- Coming with an attitude of joy and love for others
- Commitment to a team and getting to know them.
- Connections with others – it is such a great way of meeting and getting to know others.
- Submission/respect to those in positions of leadership over you.
- Looking for ways to be a blessing to others – a smile, a handshake, doing tasks with a spirit of excellence
- Punctuality, communication and respect for one another

Discussion ideas:

- What does “serving others” mean to you personally, and how do you see that reflected in Jesus’ example?
- What are some barriers that make it difficult for us to serve others willingly — whether at home, at work, or in church? (How might God want us to overcome those barriers?)
- Can you think of a time when you served someone, and it changed your perspective or deepened your faith? *What did you learn about yourself and about God?*
- How can we cultivate a heart that is eager to serve, rather than one that serves out of guilt or obligation? **Read: Colossians 3:23**
- What role does humility play in our willingness to serve? **Read: Phil 2:3-5**
- As a group, how can we intentionally look for opportunities to serve others — both within our community and beyond? *What’s one small step we could take this week?*