

# UPSIDE NMOO GOSPEL

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Serve to Lead - Matthew 20:17-34

March 25, 2018

## Pray

1. Pray for eyes to see the extent of God's kingdom in your neighbourhood (or place of work, or school, or vacation spot, etc) and for the vision to see how you could be a servant for Christ.

## Action

1. Where in your neighbourhood do you see opportunity to serve so that the light of God's rule (his love, his compassion, his mercy, his justice, his authority, his peace, his joy) could shine?
2. What action do you have to take to prepare yourself to be a servant?
  - Recognize how I have been served by others.
  - Just do it!
  - Check my attitude with a sense of humility.
  - Sign up somewhere to serve, otherwise I won't do it.

## Talk

1. Which statement(s) could apply to you? (what have people heard you say?)
  - a. I help people if they come to me, but otherwise I mind my own business.
  - b. I go out of my way to help people because I love to be needed.
  - c. I look hard for ways to help people, otherwise I get self-absorbed.
  - d. I don't notice that I help people, but others say I'm always there for them.
  - e. I rarely help people because I'm too busy.
2. You help someone out and they respond, "Oh, you don't have to do that," or "Why would you do that for me?" What could you say to explain the character of God's kingdom and why you serve as a follower of Jesus. Write it out.

### Neighbourhood Challenge

*For the six weeks to Easter we are in a church wide focus on "living Upside Down in the Neighbourhood." Living like Jesus is about living differently, or "upside down" to reflect the gospel. You are encouraged to take up this Neighbourhood Challenge as a small group and see how God works in and through you! Each week we'll be commissioned as a congregation to be on mission in our neighbourhoods, and each week when we gather we'll invite people to offer a mini "mission report."*

