

Two Women Met for Tea...



Make It Real 12 Ways to Love & Serve

It may seem elementary to have a discussion on how to love and serve when week after week we go to church; day after day we study our Bibles and pray. However, we want to encourage you to look for creative ways to meet the needs of people around you. Many times we rush through our day and totally miss opportunities to let Abba's love shine through our actions towards others.

In the Workplace

1. Say hello
2. Give cards
3. Celebrate birthdays
4. Bring in food
5. Empty the dishwasher
6. Clean out the fridge
7. Plan a potluck
8. Plan a family gathering
9. Celebrate work done well and milestones
10. Encourage a co-worker
11. Attend speaking events and awards
12. Pray for your co-workers

At Church

1. Say hello!
2. Thank church officers for their service
3. Seek out and hug a Greeter!
4. Bring a small gift to the children's department teachers
5. Straighten up pews –your church cleaning person will love the surprise!
6. Volunteer
7. Instead of dropping children off at Pathfinders stay and ask how you can help out
8. Offer to help clean up after potluck
9. Tell the pianist/organist how much their ministry means to you
10. Deliver a bulletin, card, and flower to a shut-in
11. Offer to watch a young child so mom can enjoy the service
12. Invite the pastor's wife to tea – and don't talk about anything to do with church, her husband, or problems!

In the Community

1. Don't hide out! Be aware of what is happening in your community and jump in to help.
2. Find out what needs are most pressing in the community and organize a group to meet one of those needs
3. Smile! Look like Abba really makes you happy!
4. Give a neighbor some baked goods just because.
5. Find ways to thank service people for their time bank tellers, sanitation, postal workers, etc..
6. Be beautiful! Put flowers and herbs out where neighbors can appreciate the colors and scent.
7. Volunteer to put flags on service personnel graves. Pull some weeds and tidy up for extra impact!
8. Thank a firefighter or police officer for their service.
9. Paying a bill? Write an encouraging note or Bible verse on the envelope.
10. Make eye contact with and smile, say thank you to people you usually ignore-bagger at grocery store, waitress, etc.
11. Contact hospitals, social service agencies, Council on Aging, battered women shelters to see what needs you can assist with.
12. Pray. For neighbors, community, leaders.

