

Connect Members to one another

1. What area of your faith walk needs improvement? Where are you nailing it?
2. Name a memorable volunteer service opportunity you participated in.
3. Identify a time someone served you in a time of need. What did they do for you, and how did it make you feel?
4. Share a moment recently when you realized that you were not representing Jesus well in your actions.

Connect Members to God

In his message, Pastor Schlie uses a Dead Sea analogy to illustrate the importance of service for people of faith. He notes that the Dead Sea receives great volumes of water, but it has no outflow. This results in a stagnant water source where no life can grow. Likewise, God pours grace and goodness into us. If we merely receive His gifts and don't turn around and give them away through actions, our spiritual lives suffer.

1. **James 2:26 states, "Faith without works is dead."** How do you interpret this verse in the context of Jesus's atoning sacrifice? Have you ever believed that good works are necessary for salvation? How did you free yourself from this thought?
2. How would you describe to a new Christian the role of works in our lives?

Apply the Teaching

In describing what it's like to "have Christ in you," Pastor Schlie says "Jesus has given you His power and His authority to represent Him in this world."

1. How does having Christ in you spur you on in your life to do good works?
2. Identify some opportunities you have to make a difference in your community and commit to doing one in the next week.
3. Identify some gifts you have that can be used to God's glory and consider how you can use them to best serve Him.