

*In an effort to help us learn to read the Bible as individuals, families, and a Church, I invite you to read each of the following this week, perhaps first thing in the morning individually and then collectively at dinner. The verses listed in the middle column are designed for youth to adult disciples, but some of these might be difficult for children to understand, so we include an alternate reading for families with children.*

*Basic Tips: 1.) Use a translation you can understand. If new to the Bible, try the NIV or The Message, which are both available online. 2.) Use a kids Bible with kids. 3.) Keep a pencil and notebook around to write down questions, observations, and conclusions. 4.) Have fun. Use your imagination and your brain.*

### Week 6 – Feb 8 – Feb 14

#### I AM CALLED TO SERVE.

*“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)*

Day 1	<b>Luke 22:24-30</b>	
Day 2	<b>Rom 12:4-8</b>	
Day 3	1 Cor 12:15-20,27-28	John 21:15-17
Day 4	1 Pet 4:7-11	Acts 6:1-7
Day 5	Gal 5:13	

#### Questions to Guide You:

1. What does this story teach us about Jesus? the Father? the Spirit?
2. What does this story teach us about followers of Jesus? People who reject Jesus?
3. Is there a command to obey or an example to follow? Is there a bad example to avoid?
4. What lies, truths, or circumstances cause people to live these ways?
5. What would my life, my relationships, my work, my school look like if I believed and obeyed this Jesus teaching?
6. What practical thing can I do different this week to better imitate and obey Jesus with regards to my marriage, my family, my friends, my work, and my neighbors?

#### Summary Declaration:

You do not volunteer at your church any more than you babysit your own children. We serve because this is what it means to be Church, to be family.<sup>i</sup> God created us to serve.<sup>ii</sup> He commands us to serve.<sup>iii</sup> He unites us to the Church, the one Body of Christ, and then He gifts us to serve the Body. Every member is gifted – teaching, preaching, encouraging, believing, hosting, giving, leading, remembering, coaching, or healing.<sup>iv</sup> With this gift, each member should *function* in the body.<sup>v</sup> Jesus saved me and the Holy Spirit gifted me so that I could be a blessing. So I will seek to understand where my gifts and availability overlap with the church’s ministries and the world’s needs.<sup>vi</sup>

<sup>i</sup> Matt 12:49; Heb 2:11; Eph 2:19; Gal 6:10 1 Peter 2:17

<sup>ii</sup> Rev 1:5-6; Rev 5:10; Rev 22:3;

<sup>iii</sup> Luke 22:24-30; Mark 10:42-45; Matt 23:11-12; John 21:15-17

<sup>iv</sup> 1 Cor 12:4-26; Rom 12:4-8; 1 Pet 4:10-11

<sup>v</sup> Gal 5:13; James 1:27; Acts 6:1-7

<sup>vi</sup> Luke 12:35-48; Matt 25:31-46