

Diving Into Christ

Title: Dive In to Serve – Church and Beyond

Scripture Focus: *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

— 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Diving into Christ isn't just about going deeper in worship or gaining more knowledge—it's about letting your faith *overflow* into action. One of the most powerful ways we live out our walk with Jesus is by serving others. And not just at church on Sunday—but every day, wherever we are.

Serving in church might look like:

- Greeting people at the door with warmth
- Helping in children's ministry
- Running media or sound
- Praying with someone who's hurting
- Giving your time to help behind the scenes

But serving doesn't stop when you walk out the church doors.

Serving in life looks like:

- Listening when someone needs to talk
- Showing kindness to the difficult coworker
- Helping your neighbor with yardwork or errands
- Taking meals to someone who's sick
- Being generous with your time, attention, and encouragement

When you truly *dive in* to serve, it changes you—and it gets noticed. People will start to see a joy in you, a peace, a purpose. You'll walk differently, love more freely, and shine a light that draws others closer to Jesus.

God designed us to be *His hands and feet* in this world. Not just to believe in Him, but to *represent* Him. When you commit to serving others out of love—not obligation—it becomes a natural expression of your growing relationship with Christ.

Reflection:

Where am I actively serving right now? Am I using the gifts God gave me to help others, or am I holding back because I don't feel "ready" or "qualified"?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for giving each of us gifts, skills, and opportunities to serve. Help us to use what we have—not for our glory, but for Yours. Show us ways to be a blessing, whether at church, at home, or in the world around us. Help us dive in with courage and compassion so others can see Your love through us. **In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some natural gifts or talents God has given you that could be used to serve others?
2. Have you ever served in a way that felt more like a burden than a blessing? What could shift that?
3. How can you begin to serve others *this week*—not just at church, but in your daily life?
4. Who in your life needs encouragement or help right now, and what could you do about it?
5. How do you think your attitude and lifestyle will change the more you dive into serving?