

# Helping Hands

Serving at work/in your community

*Serve one another humbly in love.*

*(Galatians 5:13, New International Version)*

*For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. (Galatians 5:14, New Living Translation)*

## HOW CAN OUR HELPING HANDS IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY?

*Jesus didn't want anyone to know he was there, for he wanted to spend more time with his disciples and teach them.*

*He said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but three days later he will rise from the dead.' They didn't understand what he was saying, however, and they were afraid to ask him what he meant.*

*(Mark 9:30–32, NLT)*

*Jesus asked his disciples, 'What were you discussing out on the road?'*

*But they didn't answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest.*

*He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, 'Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.'*

*(Mark 9:33–35, NLT)*

### 1. Let others go first.

*Then James and John, sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said, 'Teacher, we want to ask you to do something for us.'*

*Jesus asked, 'What do you want me to do for you?'*

*They answered, 'Let one of us sit at your right side and one of us sit at your left side in your glory in your kingdom.'*

*(Mark 10:35–37, New Century Version)*

*Jesus said, 'You don't understand what you are asking. . . . I cannot choose who will sit at my right or my left; those places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.'* (Mark 10:38, 40, NCV)

*When the other ten followers heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.* (Mark 10:41, NCV)

### 2. Give up your right to anger.

*Greet one another.* (Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:12; 1 Peter 5:14, English Standard Version)

*Jesus called them together and said, 'The other nations have rulers. You know that those rulers love to show their power over the people, and their important leaders love to use all their authority.'* (Mark 10:42, NCV)

*But it should not be that way among you. Whoever wants to become great among you must serve the rest of you like a servant. Whoever wants to become the first among you must serve all of you like a slave.* (Mark 10:43–44, NCV)

*In the same way, the Son of Man did not come to be served. He came to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many people.* (Mark 10:45, NCV)

### 3. Give up your life and serve.

*You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.*

*Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.*

*When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.* (Philippians 2:5–8, NLT)