Lifestyle of Service

What we know (Head). What we believe. Is supposed to change us:

- Internally (Heart). Life change.
- Externally (Hands). What we do.

People will know who we are by what we "do":

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:34-35

One of the three pillars of our church purpose statement:

To BRIDGE the gap between the church and community by expressing Christs love through service.

When we express Christ's love through service we begin to change the narrative in this world of what is important to Christians:

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us. 1 Peter 2:12

A Lifestyle of Service is rooted Biblically

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

We were created for this!

Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:26-28

It was taught and modeled by Jesus himself

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

A lifestyle of service is a life of significance

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? Romans 2:4

Acts of service and kindness can and will draw people to Jesus

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:4-5 A lifestyle of service is be a natural outflow of our relationship with Jesus

How can this show up in our lives:

- 1. See it
- 2. Don't Judge it
- 3. Do Something
- 4. Invite others

