

MAN TO MAN

Week 11: Learn Ways to Add Value

Thought

If we add value to people, we earn the opportunity to be influential in their lives. Jesus called us "the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), which means we're here to make things better in the lives of others. Jesus added value to people by serving them and meeting their needs. He gave the blind sight, healed the sick, turned water into wine, fed the hungry, calmed storms, and spoke life-giving words. As He served in these ways, He grew in His influence and saved many people. While Jesus often met needs supernaturally, He added value to people in practical ways as well. Here are five examples of ways we can follow in His footsteps:

- Help people find their purpose (Step Two of the Growth Track - Discover Your Design)
- Help people develop their professional skills
- Listen, encourage, and care about what others care about
- Help people reach practical goals
- Be generous with our resources (time, talent, treasure) to meet others' practical needs

Scripture

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

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.

1 Corinthians 9:19

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Discussion Questions

- Using a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the lowest, how would you rate yourself on serving others and adding value to their lives? Explain your answer.
- In what ways have you added value to others' lives? What kind of effect did it have on them?
- How has serving others affected you personally?

Action Step

Considering the practical ways you can add value to others that were discussed today, how can you serve someone you know this week? Think of someone specific, contact them, and make plans to help meet a need in their life.