



**You may have seen the phrase “I understood the assignment” used on social media. The term is a popular way to praise someone who is going above and beyond to do a good job.**

**When we are doing what God has called us to do we will say, “I understood the assignment!”**

**What is the assignment?**

**The Assignment: SERVE**

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

**But among you it will be different.** Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,<sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave.<sup>28</sup> **For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.** Matthew 20:26-28

**Are we different than the rest?**

**Do we understand the assignment?**

The greatest among you will be your servant. Matthew 23:11 NIV

**Jesus Understood the Assignment!**

After washing their feet, He put on His robe again and sat down and asked, “Do you understand what I was doing?”<sup>13</sup> You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because that’s what I AM.<sup>14</sup> And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet.<sup>15</sup> I have given you an example that you also should do just as I have done to you.

John 13:12-15

**Jesus demonstrated that He understood the assignment.**

**We are Set Free to SERVE**

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Galatians 5:13

**The very reason Jesus set us free was to serve!  
People who don’t serve others, in love, don’t understand the assignment!**

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:18 ESV

**Talk is cheap.**

Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.<sup>4</sup> Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.<sup>5</sup> You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Philippians 2:3-5

**There are no Spectators in the Kingdom of God!**

God does meet the needs of His people but He usually uses other people to do it! Pastor Lon

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 NIV

## **Our serving causes others to glorify God.**

God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as **you have helped His people** and continue to help them. Hebrews 6:10 NIV

## **Serving begins in the House of God.**

## **Serving **OTHERS** IS Serving GOD**

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. <sup>24</sup> Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. Colossians 3:23–24

## **People who understand the assignment, understand WHO they are serving.**

Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord **enthusiastically**. Romans 12:11

**Word enthusiastically literally means let the Spirit of God excite you while you serve Him.**

## **It's Spiritually **DANGEROUS** Not to Serve.**

### **Matthew 25:14-30 Parable of the talents.**

**Parable: a story or fable told to illustrate a point**

### **Mathew 25:31-46 Picture of the Final Judgment. Sheep & Goats**

## Your Assignment THIS WEEK:

- Sign Up to Serve as Part of the **Online** Church Team Today.
- I Will Attend Prayer & Fasting Sunday 1/16/22- Sat 1/22/22, 6-7pm **Online**

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