



## little things with great love

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Being the hands and feet of Christ, no matter where you are in the world, is hard. This is not necessarily a glamorous calling (or task). Looking for ways to serve others is often inconvenient, a sacrifice, time-sensitive, uncomfortable, and draining. I mean all of those in the best way possible. When we are serving, truly serving, we do it with our whole selves – our entire being. We don't just serve with our hands without the involvement of our hearts. We don't just serve with our time without it inconveniencing another area of our life. We don't just serve where we're comfortable without the uncomfortability of a situation, need, or environment. Serving others in your local context is not all it's cracked up to be; it's counter-cultural.

Giving a homeless person some food is serving with our hands and meeting a physical need, but your heart is being opened up to their world. Giving a new person at youth group a ride home is an inconvenience, but it's serving by giving of your time. Entering into a grandparents messy (and maybe smelly) home might be a comfortable environment because it's family, but you feel uncomfortable because you're not used to the smells, clutter, and slightly grumpy company. So, where do you begin looking for these types of opportunities? The short answer: *everything* is a point of contact in which to build a relationship. Use those opportunities to do little things with great love.

### read

Matthew 20:20-28

John 13:34-35

Romans 12

### in addition...

Song: "[Little Things With Great Love](#)" by Porter's Gate

Song: "[Your Labor is Not in Vain](#)" by Porter's Gate

### reflect & journal

1. What do the rulers of the Gentiles do with their power and position of authority? What does it mean to be great?
2. What is expected of us as followers of Christ?
3. What does it look like to give of yourself? In what ways can you serve within your local contexts? Brainstorm some ideas.
4. How will people know that we are different? What does it look like to have a life reflective of and defined by this?
5. What are some of the differing needs of those around you?

### pray

- Pray for opportunities to serve others where you are in any capacity.
- Pray for a friend/group of friends to possibly serve with.
- Listen to the songs "[Little Things with Great Love](#)" and "[Your Labor is Not in Vain](#)" by Porter's Gate. Let the lyrics become a prayer of aspiration.