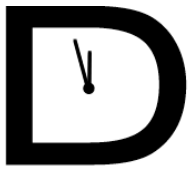


# DECISION

*Worship*

***3. Through Serving***

*October 6, 2009*



DECISION

# Worship through **Serving**

Worship **without serving** shows lack of commitment and surrender to God.

Worship **through serving** proves and helps to grow genuine faith in God.

## Foundation Verses:

Last week: **Romans 12:1**

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.”

This week: **Matthew 6:33**

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

This week's verse can be used to explain one of the “**how-to's**” of last week's verse.

Fill in the blank: Time is \_\_\_\_\_

Read Matthew 6:25-34

### **Priorities – What are yours?**

Are you more concerned about making money than you are about serving God?

### **It's about Giving Yourself, Giving your Time**

Read Acts 3:6-7

Serving God doesn't have to require money.

But it does require **sacrifice** – *remember?*

### **But some of us are still holding back?**

Read Hebrews 5:11-14 (NLT)

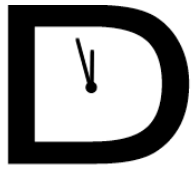
“There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen. You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.”

### **Do you feel like you are still in the milk stage?**

**It's okay, as long as you don't stay there forever.**

*You have to keep moving forward. Move on to the meat!*

**BREAKAWAY GROUP DISCUSSION**



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# Worship through Serving

## Breakaway Group Discussion

List the Pros and Possible Cons of Worship through Serving (TQ):

**Pros:**

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**Cons:**

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What sorts of things prevent people from worship through serving? Why?

What are some areas where there is opportunity to serve?

In the church:

In the community:

### Getting Involved: *What Comes First?*

Arrange the following levels of investment in chronological order (TQ):

- 1\_\_      A. Put your heart into it
- 2\_\_      B. Investing some money
- 3\_\_      C. Take a leadership position
- 4\_\_      D. Occasionally volunteer
- 5\_\_      E. Make a regular commitment (eg. Weekly commitment)
- 6\_\_      F. Feel a sense of calling
- 7\_\_      G. Drop less important things to focus on your serving

What is **your** next step in getting involved?