



Elevate – Your Influence – Message 3

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Announcements

- SERVE Day // Saturday, July 15th // All Campuses. Register your small group for a project today. Go to ChurchoftheKing.com/serveday.

Warm-up

Name someone who has made an incredible impact in your life. This could be a grandparent, a teacher, coach, writer, or boss.

Word and Application

Influence is defined as *the capacity to have an effect on the character, development or behavior of someone; to be a compelling force; to affect or sway*. During this week's message, guest Pastor Jacob Aranza from Our Savior's Church in Lafayette shares a powerful teaching on how to leverage our influence. In simple terms, we can affect and impact our world when we show love to our Heavenly Father.

What are some practical ways we can show love to God?

Read Matthew 25:37-40. What is Jesus trying to relay in this passage of scripture.

One of the best ways we show God how much we love Him is by serving others. Today we explore three practical ways to serve others.

Three Ways to Serve Others

1. With our head

Read Proverbs 23:7. What does this verse mean to you? Why is it challenging to place others before us?

Serving others starts with *thinking* of others first. It takes humility to take our focus off ourselves and place them on the need of others. But that is exactly what God is instructing us to do. Here's a short acronym that may help you prioritize.

Jesus
Others
Yourself

2. With our heart

Read Matthew 6:21. Our treasures are things that capture our heart, passion, time and energy. We can have both healthy and unhealthy treasures in our lives. What are the treasures in your life? Do they draw you closer to God or away from God?

Serving others with our heart is a treasure that helps us grow closer to God and to others.

3. With our hands

Read John 13:14-17. Jesus gives an incredibly humble example of serving. Share a time when you served someone who couldn't pay you back. How did that make you feel?

Now share a time when someone served you beyond what you could ever pay back. How did that make you feel?

Why do you think serving gives us influence in the lives of people?

This weekend, each of us has the opportunity to express our love to God by serving our community. Take a moment in your group to discuss the upcoming SERVE Day on Saturday, July 15th and what you can do as a group.

Prayer

Ask God for creative ways to serve your family, spouse, co-workers, and neighbors. Pray for specific needs of the group.