



Mission/Service Ideas

A group that serves together accomplishes great things! There is something that happens in groups when everyone is stretched beyond their comfort to serve others. Here are some practical thoughts to consider in your Circle to get your group serving – both inside your group, but also beyond it...

Stretch Your Faith Through Service

*Encourage people in your group to take on some responsibility or task.
by Life Together*

Some group members will be scared, so you need to cast vision for them. Let them know you believe in them and that they won't let you down. Also, follow Jesus' model when he sent out his disciples to serve. Pair them up on a task. Ask for two volunteers to plan a social event, and another couple to plan a group service or missions project.

If you've been leading the Bible study by yourself, identify one or two people with whom you could rotate leadership. Let them know you're available to consult if they have questions. They'll be terrified, but this will be the single biggest catalyst for their growth in the entire study.

Sometimes the best time to ask people to take on a service role is right after a great meeting. You close in prayer and then say, "Here's the [task]. Who will do this and where do we want to go with it? Will you take this on?"

Nine out of ten people will say yes if you ask them, especially if it's a one-time deal or for a short duration. Phrases like "test drive" and "for a few weeks" take the pressure off.

Then ask, "Who'd be willing to join Susan in doing this?" That way you have them in pairs. As people agree to roles, write down their names and their tasks. The following week, check in at the end of the meeting to find out if they've made any plans. Ask when exactly the social event or service project will transpire. People need to be reminded, so bring it up each week.

Original article appeared at:

<https://www.smallgroups.com/articles/2003/stretch-your-faith-through-service.html>

Other great small group & service resources can be found at:

<https://www.smallgroups.com>

At Grand Point we have taken action to partner with a few local organizations to further extend our reach through their tremendous work in our community and beyond.



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Grand Point has also developed a **Helping Hands** initiative where people from our church family and others can express their need for help, and individuals and groups can volunteer to serve to meet those needs. Contact the church office to learn about these opportunities and how your Circle can get involved. **717-263-9523**; office@grandpoint.church