

Serving all our communities

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What is this?

Selfie Stick



We live in a generally self-
obsessed culture, which
considers its rights and its
comforts to be more
important than everybody
else's

Our Christian Faith can become
an exercise in self-realisation.

Our message almost becomes a
psychotherapy

“Jesus can make you feel good
about yourself”

'The church is the only
institution that exists primarily
for the benefit of those who
are not its members'
(William Temple)

William Booth (1829-1912)



Others

3 Questions

- Why do we serve?
- Who do we serve?
- How do we serve?

Why do we serve?

- God is a serving God (Gen 1:29-30)
- God is in loving and serving relationship within the Trinity (John 17:1)
- We are made in the divine image (Gen 1:27-28)
- We are told to look to the good of others not ourselves. Others' interests more important than our own (Phil 2:4).
- Jesus served his disciples (John 13:14)

Who do we serve?

- Who are we responsible for?
- James 1:27 - Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.
- Our Brothers and sisters
- Matthew 25:31-46 - Hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, in prison

How do we serve?

- Get into groups or two or three OR think on your own if are not comfortable
- Talk about where you are serving already
- How you can do this better

Servant king

So let us learn how to serve
And in our hearts enthrone Him
Each others needs to prefer
For it is Christ we're serving