



## Give Your Life Away

- Focus** The abundant Christian life is one wholly submitted to God and generously shared with others as an offering to the Lord. Discovering what you're passionate about and how you prefer to serve is an important step towards giving your life away.
- Open** Have you ever participated in some kind of philanthropic activity or service project? If so, what project or service has been most enjoyable for you to participate in and why?
- Read** Just like Jesus, we're called to give our lives away. We first give our lives to God by dying to our own will and wholly yielding to His. Then, we give our lives to others by sharing our talents and resources out of a heart of compassion. We're to give our lives away to Him and others as an expression of our love for Him and for the cause of the kingdom.
- Talk**
1. When you hear the phrase "give your life away," what comes to mind?
  2. Does giving your life away mean living with no limits or boundaries? If not, how should one determine what need(s) to meet?
  3. What are we missing out on if we do not engage in serving others in some way? What happens in our hearts/lives when we serve?

## Live

1. Have you ever thought to yourself, “Someone needs to do something about that!” or “Someone really needs to help those people!”? When? What do the situations have in common? Is it about a certain people group, type of need or injustice? (*This can indicate a “passion” for a certain type of service.*)
2. What skills or abilities do you have that might be helpful or encouraging to someone else? How do you like to use your skills for others (teaching others, acts of service, financial gifts, rallying support, etc.)?
3. What type(s) of service or needs are you naturally drawn to or moved by? (Ideas: missions, homeless, financial services, helping the unemployed, single parents, people with special needs, young people, sickness/disease, the elderly, those with addictions, hunger, etc.) Do others in your group share your burden?
4. If your group has already been serving together (i.e., through Groups Give), what have you enjoyed about it so far? What would you like to do to improve or deepen your service experience together?

If your group has not been serving together, brainstorm some ideas of ways you can serve together based upon what you’ve discovered today. Be sure to consider what motivates each of you, the skill sets represented, and the amount of time/resources you can make available to a project.

Go to [groups.gatewaypeople.com](http://groups.gatewaypeople.com) and click on the *Groups Give* tab for more outreach ideas. Send an email to [groups@gatewaypeople.com](mailto:groups@gatewaypeople.com) to provide your ministry details. Have fun!

## Pray

As a group, ask the Lord for His direction concerning how to become involved in service to others individually and as a group. Ask Him for creative ideas and the people connections you need in order to pursue what He’s placing in your heart. Pray that each member of your group would experience a new level of joy as you pursue God’s will for your lives.