



3rd March 2019

### PASSIONATELY PURSUE SERVING OTHERS

We all know that serving others is something that we are called to, as followers of Jesus. In our sermon last weekend we saw that Jesus called out the twelve disciples for pursuing leadership and authority rather than sacrificial service. He, Himself is our ultimate example of sacrificial service. He "did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life..."

And whilst we all know that we should serve others, real service is not always easy. I think that's because really serving others, just like Jesus did, always requires a death. Jesus served us by literally giving His life for our benefit.

My problem is I'm often only happy to serve others when it's convenient for me. If I'm not too busy with my things. If it's something that I like doing. If it's for someone that I find easy to get along with. Or, if I'm going to get something out of it too. I'm guessing many of us feel the same way. My real problem is that I put so many conditions on when I'm willing to serve others because I'm still actually thinking about me.

Paul said in Philippians 1:21 that for him "to live is Christ and to die is gain." When we come to Christ (and Baptism is a wonderful picture of this) we are actually saying that we are dead to self and alive for Christ. I wonder, if I really understood this, what a difference it would make? If I'm dead to myself then I'm free to serve others without guilt, fear and obligation but out of a wonderful joy in knowing that Christ is living through me for the benefit of others.

There are so many opportunities for us all to serve others - at home, work, school or wherever we are. Our desire at Playford is that we will be a church that serves one another and the people of our community and that is something that we can all be involved in.

True Greatness is found in Humble Service

*"Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"...<sup>4</sup> Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 18:1-4

We acknowledge that the land we meet on is the traditional lands for the Kurna people.

### CREATE - After School Activity Club

Starts Tuesday 5th : 3.30-5.30pm

@ Playford Uniting Church

Call Nick : 0402 808 744

### MEN'S GATHERING

Saturday 9th March

6.30pm @ Playford Uniting Church

GAMES & PIZZA - \$5

See Tony or Matt for information



### KCO - KIDS CAMP OUT

Date : 23-24 March 2019

Theme : Welcome - A Place to Belong

Ages : 7-12 years

Location : Adare Camp & Caravan Park,  
Victor Harbour

Please see **Deb Cockburn** for  
information.

### UPCOMING SERVICES

**Sunday 3rd March: Rev. Pete Riggs**  
*Baptism & Partnership Sunday*

**Sunday 10th March: Rev Peter Riggs**  
*Passionately Pursue Prayer*

**Sunday 17th March: Craig McGlone**  
*Passionately Pursue Loving One Another*  
*John 15*

### Last Sundays' Message

By **Henry Rouse**

Click here "[Passionately Pursue Serving](http://playford.ucasa.org.au/podcasts/)" or go  
to <http://playford.ucasa.org.au/podcasts/>

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