

lifegroups

HOW TO PLAN A SERVICE PROJECT

A healthy Life Group serves others and expects nothing in return. If your group is not able to serve all together, consider having the women do a project together and the men do a project together on different days. Don't wait until every person in your group can participate, just pick a date and go for it! Choose one of the following opportunities to serve.

1. Identify and meet a need within your Life Group – Oftentimes in our effort to do grandiose service projects, we fail to see the needs right in front of us. Is there someone in your Life Group who has a need? Is there a car that needs repair? A yard that needs some care? Have a garage sale for someone who has lost their job or does not have the money to get professional marriage counseling. Pool your financial resources, and give your time to serve someone who has a need. That is what the church did in Acts 2:45, and that is what we are called to do today! If you are the person that has a need, don't be ashamed, but, rather, rejoice in the fact that you are a part of God's family.

2. Do a service project in the community – How big the project is does not matter. What matters is that you identify a need in the community and go out and do something about it. Consider taking a trip to a local senior center to play board games. Bring a meal to someone in your neighborhood who is sick. Invite your neighbors to BBQ in your front yard and collect canned food for the SCV Food Pantry or collect office supplies for a local non-profit. The possibilities are endless, so be sure that you don't spin your wheels too long trying to decide what to do. For more examples of programs and places you could serve in the Community, go to www.reallifechurch.org > Life Groups > Resources > Service Opportunities.

3. Go to City Hall www.santa-clarita.com – Go into the offices of the City of Santa Clarita and ask them if there is a need they have that your group could meet.

4. Spend a Saturday volunteering at the Dream Center – Go to downtown Los Angeles and spend the day serving the poor, distributing food, helping with their Adopt-A-Block program, and more. Call the Dream Center at (213) 273-7000.

