



Suggested Service Outline

Leading a project can seem intimidating. We want to equip you to know what to do and what to say. Use this outline to help structure your service time with your group. Following this outline will help your volunteers understand why you are serving and how the gospel informs your service.

1. *Meet with your group somewhere before the project.* You can meet at your CG home, at the 930 or at the ministry site. You want to arrive as a group.
2. *Give a brief orientation before you begin serving.* Spend five minutes introducing and/or explaining the following:
 - A brief description of the agency or neighborhood or ministry site you are serving. If you are serving an agency, tell them what the agency does. If you are serving a neighborhood, give a few statistics regarding the residents.
 - Remind your group of Seed's involvement with the agency/neighborhood in the past. This lets your group know that there is an existing relationship. Your group is going to deepen the existing relationship, even though you may never have served before.
 - Tell why this project is necessary and what need you are addressing.
 - Explain how the Gospel is relevant to this project/need. Remind your group that they have the freedom to share the gospel.
3. *Travel to the site together if you not already at the ministry site.* Be prayerful on the way there, asking that God would use you and your group for his glory.
4. *Pray together.*
5. *Serve together.* Remember that whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it to the glory of God. You are serving the Lord, not just men. Be sensitive to your ministry context and look for ways to establish conversations and relationships. Identify other ways you can come back and meet additional needs.
6. *Debrief your group after you finish serving.* **One cannot understate the importance of this 10-15 minute time of reflection.** This is when most people will make the connection between what they just did and how God has used them. Questions to ask your group include:
 - What were your expectations? What was your experience?
 - Can you identify where God is at work? What is God showing you through this? Do you see how this service is relevant to the Gospel?
 - Did you begin to build a relationship with anyone?
 - Could this project have gone smoother or better? How?
 - How could your group come back and serve again?
 - What are other ways we can live out our identity as God's servants?

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