

# **LIFE Meeting Service May 13, 2016**

## **1. Opening Prayer**

**Ali**

## **2. Large Group: Service**

## **3. Large Group: Movie ~ Pay it Forward**

## **4. Small Group: Serving Others**

## **5. Large Group: Wrap Up**

## **6. Closing Prayer**

**Nathan**

- **Meet with everyone thank Seniors**
- **Summer trip**
- **Social???**

## Opening Prayer

You've Got A Friend - James Taylor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-n2yuwTcmc>

When you're down and troubled and you  
need a helping hand

and nothing, whoa, nothing is going right.

Close your eyes and think of me and soon I  
will be there

to brighten up even your darkest nights.

You just call out my name, and you know  
where ever I am

I'll come running to see you again.

Winter, spring, summer, or fall, all you have  
to do is call and I'll be there, yeah, yeah,

you've got a friend.

If the sky above you should turn dark and  
full of clouds

and that old north wind should begin to  
blow,

keep your head together and call my  
name out loud.

Soon I will be knocking upon your door.

You just call out my name, and you know  
where ever I am

I'll come running to see you again.

Winter, spring, summer, or fall, all you have  
to do is call and I'll be there.

Hey, ain't it good to know that you've got a  
friend? People can be so cold.

They'll hurt you and desert you. Well, they'll  
take your soul if you let them,

oh yeah, but don't you let them.

You just call out my name, and you know  
where ever I am

I'll come running to see you again.

Winter, spring, summer, or fall, all you have  
to do is call, Lord, I'll be there, yeah, yeah,

You've got a friend. You've got a friend.

Ain't it good to know you've got a friend.

Ain't it good to know you've got a friend.

Oh, yeah, yeah, you've got a friend.

## Reflection:

To me friendship and service go hand in hand. If your friend needed help you'd help them wouldn't you? That is an act of service. In 1Peter 4:10-11 it says, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good steward of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies – in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever." What this is saying is that we are all given a gift that we need to share with others. We are called to serve one another. So today we ask God to help us to be open to serve in any way possible. As Your people let us joyfully proclaim: May the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen

May LIFE Meeting before Movie:

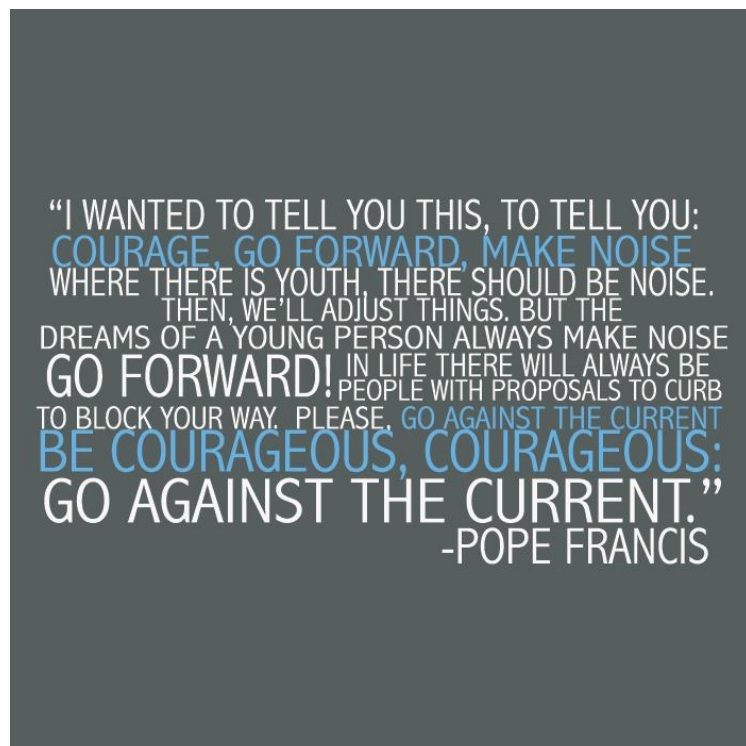
The definition of service is the action of helping or doing work for someone

We've all done service throughout our lives, in a lot of different ways. We've helped our parents around the house, helped each other with homework, picked up trash, done dux esto hours, and a lot more different examples too. It's easy to list off things we've done for service, but today hopefully we'll start getting a deeper meaning of service.

Take a minute and think about different kinds of service you've done.

Now, think of why we do that service. What is the purpose of service?

A lot of people say that while giving we also receive. What are certain things that you feel you "receive" when you give?



(I'll read this quote and have it on projector so people can reread it over)

We are young people and a lot of adults do not expect us to do good things for others. Many people think of young people as selfish who only look out for ourselves. Many people our age do not go out of their way to do service for others.

Do you think that the Pope's words are inspiring? How can we follow Pope Francis quote? How can we be courageous?

## **Movie Time**

Pay it Forward

## **Small Group**

Interlock fingers to cover up others weaknesses with your strengths.

Prayer: Luke 22: 26-27

Rather, let the greatest among you be as the least, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you”

In this passage Jesus talks about how the greatest among us are not those with power and wealth but rather those who serve others. Jesus not only tells us that we should serve others but He leads by example living a life of service helping those in need. He made the ultimate act of service in giving up everything including His life for all of us.

1. How did you feel about the movie? Likes? Dislikes?
2. What do you see service as?
  - a. How can we serve others in our daily lives? Small and large scale? (Jesus is perfect example)
3. What is Justice?
  - a. What can we do to promote justice and help make a just community?
4. What is peace? How can you obtain it? (Through God?)
  - a. Why can it be so difficult to find peace and hold on to it in today's society?
5. When we give through service in order to promote justice do we receive a type of peace? How and why?
6. How can we “pay it forward” when it comes to service? Justice? Peace?
7. The students' assignment was to “Think of an idea to change our world – and put it into ACTION!!!” How can we change the world?
  - a. How can we change our school? Why not do it?
8. Do you think “paying it forward” could work in our society and is possible?
  - a. If so, start the movement.

Close with spontaneous prayer

## Closing Prayer

Matthew West - Do Something

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3lrwujyAJ4>

I woke up this morning

Saw a world full of trouble now

Thought, how'd we ever get so far down

How's it ever gonna turn around

So I turned my eyes to Heaven

I thought, "God, why don't You do something?"

Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of

People living in poverty

Children sold into slavery

The thought disgusted me

So, I shook my fist at Heaven

Said, "God, why don't You do something?"

He said, "I did, I created you"

If not us, then who

If not me and you

Right now, it's time for us to do something

If not now, then when

Will we see an end

To all this pain

It's not enough to do nothing

It's time for us to do something

I'm so tired of talking

About how we are God's hands and feet

But it's easier to say than to be

Live like angels of apathy who tell ourselves

It's alright, "somebody else will do something"

Well, I don't know about you

But I'm sick and tired of life with no desire

I don't want a flame, I want a fire

I wanna be the one who stands up and says,

"I'm gonna do something"

If not us, then who

If not me and you

Right now, it's time for us to do something

If not now, then when

Will we see an end

To all this pain

It's not enough to do nothing

It's time for us to do something

We are the salt of the earth

We are a city on a hill (shine shine, shine  
shine)

But we're never gonna change the world

By standing still

No we won't stand still

No we won't stand still

No we won't stand still

If not us, then who

If not me and you

Right now, it's time for us to do something

If not now, then when

Will we see an end

To all this pain

It's not enough to do nothing

It's time for us to do something [x3]



Reflection: It's easier to be vocal about the need for change than to actually make that change. Too often nowadays we talk and talk about how this and that needs to be fixed or we find ourselves complaining and asking God why doesn't he fix these things. But the answer to that complaint is that he made us to enact the change. He made us to not only raise awareness of these problems but to go out and fix them ourselves. After learning and discussing service today we encourage you to go out and perform acts of service, after all, if not us then who? It's time for us to do something.