

Know what you're FOR Part 2: FOR Others

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Whether you spend your days in the boardroom, on an airplane or the living room, it's a safe bet that everywhere you go people are watching how you live your life.

According to John Maxwell, the people you serve are constantly asking three questions about you and the way you show up with them:

1. Do you like me?
2. Can you help me?
3. Can I trust you?

Jeff Henderson heard his staff at Gwinnett Church ask these three questions of him, as well as the teams he's coached in business or out on the playing field. Even his own kids ask these questions of him. The truth is all kids want to know if their parents actually like them, if they can help them, and if they can be trusted. But here's the deal: the first two questions aren't about us but about them. This is because people want to know they matter to us. People want to know we're for them. So consider how you must make people feel when they're in your presence as you answer these questions:

- Which people in your life might be asking those three questions about you right now? Make a list of names and write a short sentence as to why they might be asking.
- What have you done recently to let those people know you care about them? What can you do this week to let a few more people know that you are *for* them?
- Read Mark 10:35-45. In the New Testament, Jesus gives specific instructions throughout the Gospels on how to serve and love each other well. What does Jesus say about serving others?
- How does the response Jesus gave to James and John applied to your life today?
- Read Mark 12:28-30. Jesus said you love God by loving others - and in order to love others, you must love yourself. How does the way you love yourself reflect the way you love others?
- Do you have a hard time or an easy time loving yourself? Do you have a hard or easy time loving others? Explain
- Spend a few moments reflecting on God's love. In what ways have you experienced it lately?
- Is there an idea, Quote, or passage of scripture that inspires you to love and serve others? If so, write it down and share it.

Close your time in prayer by thanking God for his love for you and the way he allows you to love yourself and serve the people around you. Ask him to give you opportunities this week and month to let your people know that you like them, you help them, and they can trust you.