

## Essentials: Sept. 21

### //DISCUSS

- Q1 – What's a chore or responsibility you had growing up that you didn't love at the time, but now you're glad you learned to do?
- Q2 – **Doing vs. Devoting:** What's the difference between occasionally "doing" something for God and being "devoted" to Him and His family?  
Where do you see yourself on that spectrum right now?
- Q3 – **Excuses & Barriers:** Which of the common reasons for not serving or giving do you relate to most?
1. I'm spread too thin to invest anywhere else.
  2. God knows my heart, so I don't have to help.
  3. I'll serve or give, but I can't do both.
  4. I pitch in other places, just not my home church.
  5. I'm pretty sure everyone else has it covered.
  6. I'm just not passionate about where they need help.
- Q4 – If everyone gave what you gave or served how you served would we be in good shape or in danger?
- Q5 – What is one small, consistent step you can take this week to serve or give—even if it feels inconvenient—that will help you grow more devoted to God and His family?

**Challenge:** Sign-up to give & serve regularly

### //READ

- Ephesians 2:18-20
- Acts 2:43-44
- John 4:34
- Acts 20:35
- Matthew 6:21

### //PRAY

Lord, we pray that we would give and serve in the ways you are calling us to. To invest in what is eternal and build your kingdom here on earth.