

Ministry involves...

God's transforming work on one person at a time... Remember well (15)

Submission to those who are serving... Honor well (16)

People who have sacrificed to serve you... Thank well (17-18)

The deepest relationships you can have with one another... Love well (19-21)

The bedrock of the Gospel... Exhort well (22-24)

Discussion Starters:

Vs – 15

Paul makes it clear in verse 15 that there is first fruit. Who or what is your first fruit? We are prone to remember our first fruit; can you articulate God's first work through you?

Vs – 16

How are you submitting to your spouse in your marriage, your leaders at work, your community? How are you serving those around you in leadership?

Vs – 17,18

Who have you thanked lately for serving you? When was the last time you thanked the person closest to you for serving you in and through the mundane? Have you thanked those who care for you, your kids, or your family? How have you acknowledged and affirmed those who have served you well lately?

Vs – 19,20

How do you greet those who serve you? Are you publicly thankful for those who serve you? Who could you write a handwritten note to this week to affirm and acknowledge someone who has served you lately?

Vs – 22-24

If you have not repented for your sins before Jesus and community, are you willing to submit your life to Jesus now? How are you going to live this week differently because you are grateful for what Jesus has done in your life? How can you acknowledge Jesus as your Lord and Savior in your life this week?