
BE THE BEE

SESSION #21

Uniting With God and Neighbor

LEARNING TO BE THE BEE AND LIVE ORTHODOXY



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Being a Servant

Goal:

Learn that to love is to serve.

Objective:

Identify one way to pay attention to others, in order to serve them, in your daily life.

Estimated Duration:

60 minutes

LEARNING SESSION

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OPENING PRAYER

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Lord, help us to “be the bee” and “have a positive way of thinking, seeing only the good side of things.” Show us “where to find flowers, sweets, honey and sugar, and to only know the good things in life and become ignorant to all evil.” Grant us faith, courage and love, through the prayers of Saint Paisios and of all the Saints. Amen.

ICEBREAKER

6 minutes

If you were royalty, what would your name be?

VIDEO

5 minutes

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<https://youtu.be/HUqmSQcv-R0>

DEBRIEF

10 minutes

Ask students the following questions and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ What did you see and hear in the video?
- ❖ What is one lesson you can take away from the video?

TEACHING

7 minutes

Ask students the following questions and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ What does it mean to serve?
- ❖ Who are we called to serve?
- ❖ What do we get in return when we serve?
 - ❖ The point of love is to do for the other expecting nothing in return. We are storing up treasures in heaven.

REFLECTION

10 minutes

Ask students the following question and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ Have you been helped? What does it feel like to need help?

READING AND APPLICATION

7 minutes

Read the following story to students:

St. John of Kronstadt - Sermon On All

<http://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/2012/04/st-john-of-kronstadt-sermon-on-all.html>

Ask students the following questions and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ What did you hear in the story? What spoke to you?
- ❖ How is Christ an example of a servant leader?
- ❖ How was Christ victorious?
- ❖ What can we learn through the way Christ died for us?

SCRIPTURE READING AND APPLICATION

10 minutes

Read the following verses to students:

"But Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either heretofore or since thou hast spoken to thy servant; but I am slow of speech and of tongue." Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?"

- Exodus 4:10-11

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- Matthew 20:28

"And He sat down and called the twelve; and He said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." - Mark 9:35

Ask students the following questions and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ What kind of disposition did Moses have even with his difficult responsibilities from God?
 - ❖ He was humble and meek, considering himself a servant not a high king.
- ❖ How does Christ model service throughout His life?
- ❖ What makes it important to serve?

Teaching: (reflect on this rather than read it directly to participants)

To love is to serve. Love is an action, and one way to act out love could be to serve. Serving others requires hard work. It is a giving of our time to something else. Time is one of the most precious gifts we can give someone because we can never get that time back. Our goal is salvation, and we can work to that through service.

Throughout history, the best leaders have been those who lead by example, who take the time to teach, and who are kind and gracious to those below them. Even when we are not in leadership positions we still have power over one another. This power is defined as the responsibility to care. We are to care in the form of love. Christ first showed us this love, and now we are called also show that love in someone else's life.

CONCLUSION

5 minutes

Go around the room and ask each student to answer the following question:

- ❖ What is one way to pay attention to others, in order to serve them, in your daily life through what you learned in the session?

CLOSING PRAYER

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Lord, help us to serve all whom we encounter. Help us to show each person love, and to do this with a joyful heart. As much as we are able to give, let us give it. It is in giving that we receive. Allow each of us to desire to receive Your love.

Amen.