# **OUR STRATEGY:**

## Serve:

Treating others like Jesus, who cared for their needs—physical, emotional and spiritual.

## **Strategy in Serve:**

As we serve together, it is our hope and prayer that those who are serving are inspired to worship the one true God.

It is also our hope and prayer that those who are serving are inspired to grow in their understanding of God through studying His word.

### Scripture:

Mark 10:42–45 So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. <sup>43</sup> But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."



## Demonstrated by:

Caring for women and children.

Building shelters.

Supporting School for homeless children.

Providing food for hungry people in our community. Supporting Gridley Middle School.

And many more...

We come along side those who need help and encouragement.





## Thoughts:

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

— Mahatma Gandhi

"The Simple Path Silence is Prayer Prayer is Faith Faith is Love Love is Service The Fruit of Service is Peace"

— Mother Teresa

"My service to humanity is my real opportunity to prove my genuine love for God and God alone."

Sri Chinmoy

"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

## **Scripture continued:**

John 13:3–5, 12-15 Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. <sup>4</sup> So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, <sup>5</sup> and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

<sup>12</sup> After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? <sup>13</sup> You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. <sup>14</sup> And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

Mark 8:6 So Jesus told all the people to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to his disciples, who distributed the bread to the crowd.

Romans 7:6 But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit.

<u>Galatians 5:13</u> For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

#### **Reflections:**

What do you love to do and how could you do it in a way that blessed other people?

What skills do you have that could be used to help someone else? Who could you help this week?

Which service activity at DHLC might you enjoy?

