

**Theme:**

**The SAVIOR nourishes the gathered church through service.**

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At the source of all Christian service in the world is the crucified and risen Lord who died to liberate us into such service. -Donald English

True greatness is attained only by emulating the Savior's example -- and made possible only by the Savior's sacrifice. -C J Mahaney

Application:

**Christ lavishly serves his bride by nourishing and cherishing her through his sacrifice and then with all the supplies of grace she needs. He nourishes her with the Word and sacrament and prayer and song. He nourishes her in acts of service.**

1. **expect:** how can you apply the picture of Christ nourishing the church through service?  
how do you tend to see service on Sunday? is it a chore? are you motivated by guilt?  
How do you lead yourself and your family to expect his nourishing presence?
2. **pursue:** how much do you pursue serving? or do you wait to be asked?
  - a. what is the service I may offer to be part of Christ's work?
  - b. how may I serve others around me to increase their expectation for Christ's presence?
  - c. how may I serve others to make the nourishing of Christ more effective?
  - d. how can i serve guests to welcome them in Christ's name?
  - e. words are very significant -- intentional words
  - f. prayers are very significant
3. **lead:** How well does your family serve? your children? your teens?
4. **honor:** how can you thank and honor someone who serves?