

Serving is a Privilege and Sacred Keys



Please print these pages and complete them as you go through the eLearning course.

What you will learn:

Serving is a Privilege

- Serving in God's Kingdom and serving with OCC is an incredible privilege.
- With examination of our relationship with God and discipleship at a deeper level, serving with OCC can be less transactional and more transformational.
- Worshiping and serving God is an expression of love with God.

Sacred Keys

- It is loving and responsible to hand over the keys of ministry *only* to those volunteers who are carefully selected, equipped, spiritually mature, and prepared.

Reflection Question

If your church decided to stop having communion together and assigned one person to take communion for everyone, how would you feel and why? _____

Examining Our Relationship

Fill in the blank and respond below as you complete this section of the course.

Examining our relationship with God and discipleship at a deeper level may help us gain insight and enable our serving to be less _____ and more _____ with Operation Christmas Child.

What are some ways you may have been too transactional in your relationship with God? _____

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Worship and Serve

Fill in the blanks and answer the questions based upon the information shared in the eLearning course.

1. The path toward seeing and _____ service in a more transformational way begins with examining the essence of our _____ with God.
2. You shall not worship or _____ other gods. Why? Because to God, worshipping and _____ other gods are acts of infidelity or _____. Simply, it makes Him _____.
3. Worshipping God and _____ God are expressions of _____ and intimacy with God.
4. Worshipping and _____ God are spontaneous and _____ expressions of our _____ back to God that come from the heart.
5. What do these words mean?

Shachah _____

Proskuneo _____

Latreuo _____

Reflection Question

In light of the fact that all believers are priests under the new covenant, in what ways do you think we still make offerings to God? _____

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Serving is a Privilege and Recruiting

How does the principle that serving is a privilege and an honor to be taken seriously impact your approach to recruiting volunteers? _____

The Sacred Keys

What would you think of a father who gave his car keys to his son without any training on how to drive? List three words you would use to describe what the father had done.

What do the words listed on the keys below, which are discussed in 2 Timothy 2:2, mean as they relate to OCC?





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Essential Activities

Essential Activities (below) and Elective Practical Exercises (found on the next page) are ways for you to apply what you are learning in your Leadership Development Program coursework in real time, gaining “on the job” experience as you develop in your leadership role. These activities and exercises help align the tasks you would already be doing as a leader volunteer with what you are learning in the program.

Below you will find a list of Essential Activities to work on with your regional point of contact that relate to this particular course and your overall ministry as an Operation Christmas Child leader volunteer. You should complete each of these activities. On the next page you will find a list of Elective Practical Exercises from which you should, with the guidance of your regional point of contact, choose an additional one to two to complete.

- Discuss with your regional point of contact your answer to the following reflection question found in your workbook:
 - How does the principle that serving is a privilege and an honor to be taken seriously impact your approach to recruiting volunteers?
- Be prepared to share with your regional point of contact about the concepts of “Serving is a Privilege” and “Sacred Keys”. What is an example or analogy you learned that you can use with others when you share this principle? How can these principles be applied to your team?
- Create and send an email devotional to your team related to the High Impact principle of “Serving is a Privilege”; use Romans 12:1-2 as your text. Review your devotional with your regional point of contact before sending it to your team.
- Work with your regional point of contact to develop two small, short term goals to accomplish in each of three areas over the next month. Depending on the time of year these goals could be in the areas of:
 - Prayer
 - Developing your personal prayer team
 - Affirmation of your team members or of your partners in ministry such as churches, community groups, media outlets, student groups, or prayer network partners
 - Recruitment
 - Selection
 - Team equipping/training
 - Collection Network growth
 - Shoebox growth/promotion

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Elective Practical Exercises

Review the list of possible Elective Practical Exercises below with your regional point of contact and, **with their guidance**, select one to two exercises to complete as a part of this course based on the time of year, the make-up of your particular Area Team, the goals you have developed for your own ministry and the ministry of your team, etc. You should be prepared to discuss the exercises you complete at your next meeting with your regional point of contact.

- Teach a concept you learned in this session to your team in a creative way.
- In this session you learned that “Examining our relationship with God and discipleship at a deeper level may help us gain insight and enable our serving to be less transactional and more transformational with Operation Christmas Child.” Set aside a dedicated time to do this examination. Ask the Lord to reveal new truths to you about your relationship with Him and your role as a disciple in light of your service as an OCC leader volunteer.
- Memorize a scripture highlighted in this course and quote it to a friend or family member.