

## Serve Inside



Jody Hooven | January 23, 2011

*In a nutshell:*

As Christians we are called to *do something*. We cannot just be spectators and fulfill God's plan for us. *Serving Inside* Friendship is one of the ways we can put our faith in action.

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### Icebreaker:

Jody had a *GI Joe* with "Kung Fu Grip" and an *Evel Knievel Action Figure*. His sister had a *Baby Alive*. Action toys are more fun than toys that sit still and do nothing.

**Discuss:** What was your favorite toy growing up? *Extra Credit:* Do you still have it?

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### Serving Inside

**Spiritual Gifts.** "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

**Discuss:** Do you know what spiritual gift(s) God has given you to equip you to serve others? Have you ever completed a "Spiritual Gifts assessment?"\*

**Sunday Morning.** It takes more than 135 people (greeters, technicians, musicians, set-up, child care...) to pull off Sunday mornings at Friendship. Each of these people plays a *small* but *significant* part in the big picture. Everyone else tends to come late and leave early.

**Discuss:** Are you one of the 135 who serve on Sunday Mornings? What do you do to *Serve Inside* Friendship? What would you have to do to show up early and stay late to make sure that people are served, loved, and connected?

**Spectators.** Jody told a story about a New Year's Day parade with *no spectators*. The parade started with just one family and has grown for 16 years.

**Discuss:** Can you imagine a parade with no spectators? What would it be like to be in a church with no spectators? What would it look like if 100% of people at Friendship actually *Served Inside* instead of being spectators?

**Families.** Jack Burke is a single dad with three kids. Their Saturday family activity is setting up chairs for Sunday worship at Friendship. Jack said: "You can't just sit there in a chair and not be involved. It's about JOY: Jesus, Others, and You."

**Discuss:** Does Jack's story inspire you to serve? Does it make you feel guilty about your many excuses? How could you involve your family in *Serving Inside* Friendship?

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### As a Group:

**Discuss:** How can we encourage each other to *Serve Inside*? What can we do as a *group* to *Serve Inside* Friendship?

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