Week 11: Learn Ways to Add Value

Thought
If you add value to people, you earn the privilege to influence them. Jesus said we are the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13). We are to make things better in the world for people. Jesus added value by serving people and meeting their needs. He gave the blind sight, healed the sick, turned water into wine, fed the hungry, calmed storms, and spoke life-giving words. However, meeting needs doesn’t always have to be a supernatural event. Here are five practical ways we can add value to people’s lives.

✓ Help people find their purpose. (Growth Track 301/401)
✓ Help people develop their professional skills.
✓ Listen and care for what others care about.
✓ Share an applicable scripture passage in someone’s situation.
✓ Help people reach a practical goal.

Scripture
For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Mark 10:45 (NIV)

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.
1 Corinthians 9:19 (NIV)

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.
Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

Discussion Questions
- Using a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the lowest, how would you rate yourself on serving others—adding value to their lives?
- In what ways have you added value to other’s lives and what kind of an effect did it have on them?
- How has serving others affected you personally?

Next Steps
What is one practical step you can take this week to move one step?

Considering the five practical ways you can add value to others, or other ways you have discussed today, who in your life could you reach out to this week? Contact that person this week and meet that need in their life.
Closing Thoughts
Ask the group members to pair up and exchange phone numbers to connect and pray before next week’s meeting.

What is the next step each group member should take to move closer to Christ (i.e. weekend service, water baptism, Growth Track or Dream Team)?

Encourage each member to read his Bible and pray with his children and spouse daily. Close in prayer.