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I Love Our volunteers

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Introduction

Over the past two weeks, Pastor John has been focusing on what he loves about PLC - the culture and community. This week he concludes the *I Love My Church* series with how he loves our church's volunteers. As we start our study, each of us can ask ourselves these two questions: What part do I play in our church? What part does the church play in my life?

Discussion

1. **Read Luke 9:57-62.** What reasons were given for not immediately following Jesus? What are some modern-day reasons for not being involved in the ministry of Christ?

2. **Read Mark 10:28-31.** What does Jesus promise those who sacrifice to follow Him? Can you think of a time when God blessed you for making a sacrifice to serve Him?

3. **Read 2 Thessalonians 1:11.** What did Pastor John say was promised in this text when we obey the Lord and join in His work?

4. What are some of the regrets a person can have if they fail to join with the Lord in Kingdom work?

Think About It

Two retired men recently discussed how their peers frequently questioned their purpose in life. Many of their friends were deeply troubled because they felt their usefulness was over, or they couldn't find a genuine cause to invest in. It was evident to the two men that earlier in life, many of their friends had invested all their resources in projects and employment that brought human approval and earthly successes, instead of investing in God's work. The two men realized that individuals who had invested some of their time, talents and material wealth in God's Kingdom were now content because their investments and purpose continues into eternity.

Do Something

1. Spend some time this week evaluating your priorities. Do your investments in time, talent and finances positively affect your marriage, family, church and eternity? Write a goal for how you can improve in each of these areas.
2. Ask God to show you one practical application for each of the four goals and to help you carry out the practical application.
3. Share your plan with a friend and ask them to keep you accountable.