

January 13, 2019
Series: So You Wanna Be the Greatest?
Part 2: Serve Local
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1. What do you tend to buy locally? Do you buy much online?
2. In what ways do you feel part of the local church and also the church universal?
3. Ephesians 1:22-23 says, “And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”
*How is Jesus the head over the church? Do you feel it is that way in every church?
*How is the church the “body” of Christ?
*What do you think Paul might mean when he says Jesus “fills everything in every way?”
4. In Ephesians 2, Paul tells the Gentiles they are fellow citizens of God’s kingdom and that because of Jesus both Jews and Gentiles have become “a holy temple in the Lord . . . a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.” How do these words make you feel about the church?
5. What did Ted say were the three focuses of the church? (**Upward—we love Jesus; Inward—we love each other; Outward—we love the lost.**)
6. Have you ever experienced a church setting where you didn’t feel welcomed, or worse, felt unwelcomed?
7. Have you ever been part of a church that did not welcome someone? Why didn’t they?
8. How do you feel about the casual attire people wear to many churches now?
9. How has the local church met a need of yours?
10. What were the five things Ted said the church was NOT? (**A building, a day of the week, an event, a business, a pastor.**) Have you ever thought of the church that way?
11. What did Ted list as the five purposes of the church or the five ways to serve your local church? (**Gather regularly for WORSHIP; FELLOWSHIP with other believers; grow in your faith and help others grow through DISCIPLESHIP; serve others through MINISTRY; invite others to be a part of our church family through EVANGELISM.**)
12. Who has helped your faith grow? How have you helped another grow in his or her faith? How are you engaging in ministry? Considering your gifts and talents, how would you like to minister to others?