

## Christmas Time How To Experience A Meaning-filled Life

### 1. Our purpose is \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark 8:34-35** *Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.*

**Mark 10:43-45** *Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

**Philippians 2:5-8** *You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.*

Do I consider \_\_\_\_\_?

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 12:21** *Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

**Luke 6:27** *But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.*

**Matthew 5:16** *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

**Philippians 2:3-4** *Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.*

## Serving Options At The Holidays

### Bring treats and go caroling at a nursing home

Call first and make sure treats are allowed and see when they allow visitors.

### Volunteer for a charity you care about

Work on a Saturday morning for New Beginnings in Dodgeville or the Feeding Friends free meal on Wednesday night at the Dodgeville Methodist Church or the Humane society.

### Teachers' Lounge Blessing

Coordinate snacks, handwritten thank-you notes, and coffee for local school staff who often go unseen during the holidays.

### Small-Town Business Buyout Day

Pool money to buy gift cards from struggling local shops and then give them away to families in need.

### Fire & EMS Appreciation Night

Deliver baked goods, handwritten cards from kids, and warm drinks to volunteer fire departments and EMTs.

### Gas card give-away

Tape \$10 gas cards on random pumps with the note to use it if they need it.

### "Silent Helper" Grocery Gift

Pay for the groceries of someone ahead of you or leave a grocery store gift card at customer service for the next person who needs it.

### College Student Care Packs

Send care packages to UW-Platteville students staying on campus over break or far from family.