



Although it is true every generation grapples with cultural tension, the past few years have presented Christian communities with a complex challenge of economic, political, religious and cultural strain. Every Christian has been occupied with the question: “How can I be faithful to Jesus in a time like this?” We can avoid those who do not agree with us, we can avoid cultural conversations and simply hide until it all passes by or we can just shrug our shoulders and let someone else take care of the problems “out there”, but those routes create fierce divisions within households, schools and communities.

We see a different disposition in Scripture. The people of God knew God loved the world and expected them to dwell among its pain with a redemptive demeanor. The early church leader (Paul), while writing to a younger leader (Titus), suggested God dreams of making a people who are his own, eager to do what is good. (Titus 2:14) Eagerness is a key attribute of God’s people and a value that we will seek to instill within our SERVE participants this summer. Throughout each SERVE week, our morning devotions, nightly worship sessions and small group times will carefully examine the eagerness themes that are mentioned in Titus 2:11-14.

This summer of SERVE is a special one for us at Youth Unlimited. We celebrate 100 years of ministry in Jesus’ name. There might be opportunities at different SERVE sites for many to share their favorite memories from SERVE, Live It and Convention. Our prayer for this summer’s SERVE program is for past memories and present ministry to give us faith and hope and love for God’s future.