# love the Ville. \* WEEKEND



HOW TO LOVE THE 'VILLE IN YOUR CHURCH

We have every good intention to grow in Christ, but that does not make us intentional. You don't need good intentions. You need a plan. You need a playbook!



## LOVE THE 'VILLE LIFESTYLE



# Ephesians 5:2 Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ.

## 7-Day Love the 'Ville Devotionals necchurch.org/playbook-devotional

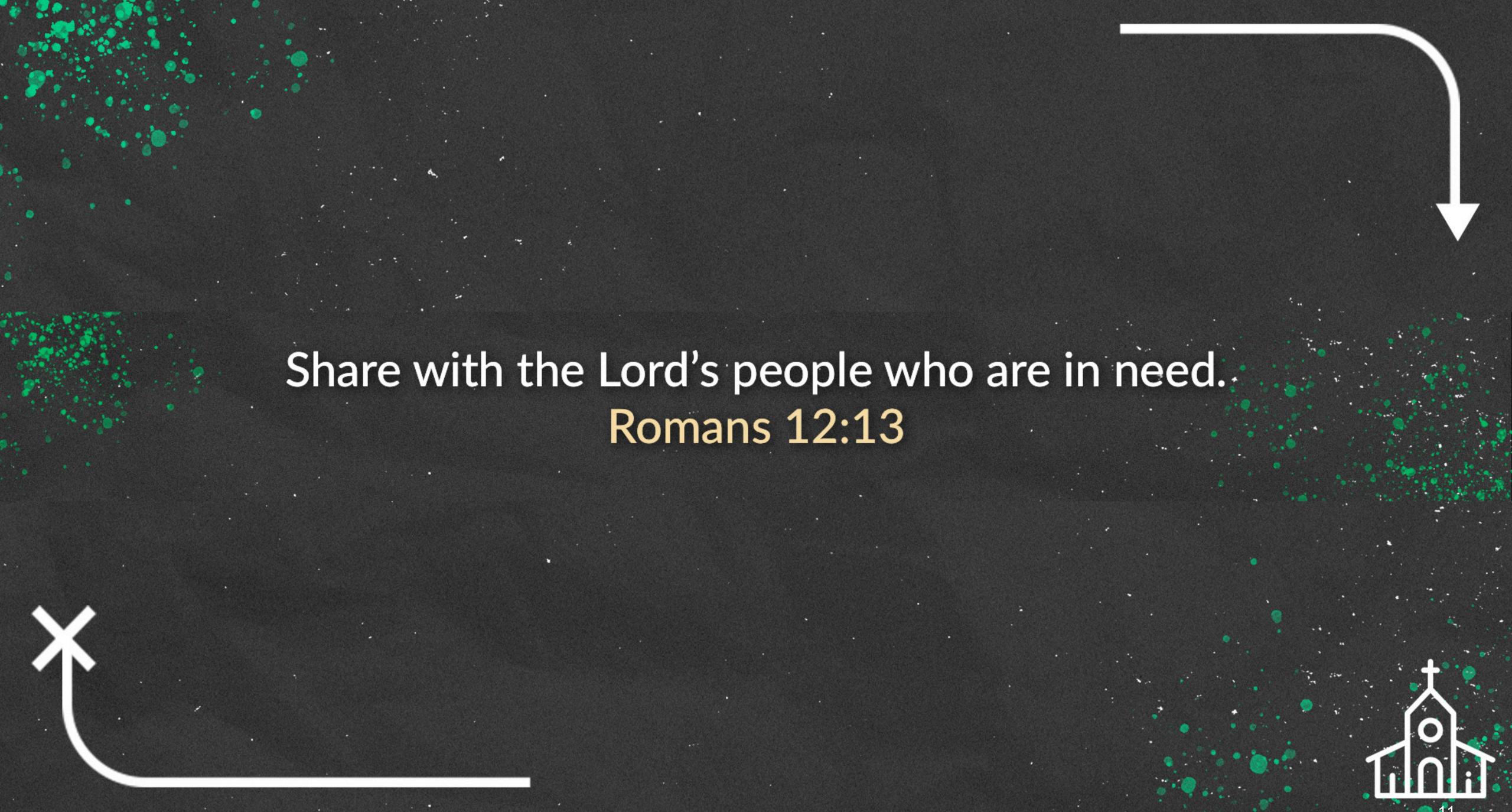
Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is —His good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has given you.

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.

Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A Stakeholder at Northeast is engaged in serving, community and generosity.



#### Acts 2:42-46

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts...



#### Acts 4:32,34

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had... there were no needy persons among them.



#### 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

...if it is giving, then give generously.

Romans 12:8

#### 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant or to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, Who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Stakeholders engage in generosity and community.

It is not good for man to be alone.

Genesis 2:18

#### Romans 12:10,13-16

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#### Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."

# Groups help you connect here at Northeast.

### Community Groups

Looking for a group that practices a predictable rhythm of study, community and service? Do you crave spiritual family that feels like an extension of your own and is always growing? If so, choose, "Community Groups."

**Check Out More** 

#### **Study Groups**

Want to grow in your faith through a
Bible or book study? If you are looking
for a longer-term group to study with
and grow in friendship and faith
choose, "Study Groups."

**Check Out More** 

#### **Care Groups**

Are you in a difficult season and looking for healing and wholeness? Do you need regular support and godly community that will help you through? If you are looking for intentional help from others who will walk through the valley with you choose, "Care Groups."

**Check Out More** 

### **Connection Groups**

Seeking friendship or looking for other like-minded people? Do you like to quilt, play basketball, or go hiking? If you are looking for others who share similar interests choose, "Connection Groups."

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"Only you can be you. God designed each of us so that there would be no duplication in the world. No one has the exact same mix of factors that make you unique. That means no one else on earth will ever be able to play the role God planned for you. If you don't make your unique contribution to the Body of Christ, it won't be made."

Rick Warren

