

## Chapter 7 Discussion Questions

Mehl begins with the story of financially helping a couple he was counseling. When was a time when someone who had a “talking” ministry in your life surprised you by serving you in another way? How did that affect your relationship?

On pages 95-97, Scott Mehl gives several reasons why “acts of service” are necessary for God’s people (including those whom God has gifted in speaking). What was particularly compelling to you personally?

What are some of the reasons that some people might neglect “acts of service”?

From pages 97-100, make a list of what praying for others reveals about you and another list of what prayerlessness for others reveals about you. Be ready to share something from your lists.

If you need to grow in praying for others, what is one step you’ve taken to cultivate that act of service? (If you have a good pattern of praying for others, please come ready to share how you cultivated that pattern.)

In pages 100-103, Mehl describes pursuing as an act of service. In the past, what reasons have you given (or what excuses have you made) when you stopped pursuing someone? In hindsight, do you think that was the right or wrong choice?

As you think about the list of people you’re pursuing, do you think you are under stretched, appropriately stretched, or over stretched? How did this chapter encourage, exhort, or admonish you as you look at your list?

On pages 103-106, Mehl references passages on sharing. Which of these impacted you the most and why?

In a desire to help us share well, Mehl makes a case for “‘knowing’ those we’re ministering to” (105). He says, “We cannot share wisely and lovingly if we haven’t first taken the time to know a person and understand their circumstances.” Do you agree or disagree? Why?

From the areas of service described in Chapter 7, how have you seen God grow you in the past? How do you want Him to grow you in the month ahead?