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“Thank You for Your Service”
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As a church planter in a military community, I start many of my conversations with “Thank you for your service.” It’s easy to spot a military member: short haircut, clean-shaven face, distinct uniform. Most respond humbly with a “thank you,” grateful for the recognition of a job well done. Quickly, I try to transition the conversation to spiritual things. “You know Jesus said ‘greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends’. What do you know about that?” Then I listen.

The military community understands what it means to sacrifice for something they believe in, even to die for it. But apart from Christ, it is all done in vain, for man’s glory. However, if the Gospel gets there in time, it is truly Good News and can transform the military member into a gospel missionary paid for by “Uncle Sam.” Pray that this week God will give you an opportunity to cross paths with a military veteran or service member. Boldly share your hope in Jesus and pray that the Holy Spirit will use it to convict them to die to self, but to live for Christ and their “battle buddies.”



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