

LIFE GROUP LESSON

Message: “Serving God with All We Have”

Passages: Ephesians 2:10, 1 Peter 4:10; Romans 12:3-7, 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Message Outline:

1. We can all do our part to build God’s church (Ephesians 2:10; 1 Peter 4:10).
2. We can all serve with all that God has given to us (Romans 12:3-7; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30)
 - a) Serving God with what He has given us
 - b) Serving God with His Empowerment

Point 1: We can all do our part to build God’s church (Ephesians 2:10; 1 Peter 4:10).

- Read Ephesians 2:1-9. What do you think Paul means when he talks about this saving grace he received from God? In the same way, what does the salvation you received from God through Jesus mean to you? According to Ephesians 2:10, “We are saved for good works.” Do you agree with this statement? What do you think are some of these “good works” that God calls believers to be involved in? Why do you think God desires to involve us in building His church? Read 1 Peter 4:10-11, what do you think is the ultimate reason why we should use our gifts faithfully to build God’s church? What do you think can happen if believers become more concerned about themselves (for e.g. for self-gains or for people’s affirmation) than how they can contribute to God’s church when using the gifts God has given? As a church we are “blessed to be a blessing”, in what ways do you think you have been blessed by God, and how do you think you can be a blessing in the church wherever you are?

Point 2: We can all serve with all that God has given to us (Romans 12:3-7; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30).

- a) Serving God with whatever He has given us
 - b) Serving God with His Empowerment
- What are some of the things God has given to you that you think you can use to serve Him and to build up the church? Please be specific and brainstorm as many as you can think of. Why is it important that believers desire to serve God with *whatever* they have been given? Read Romans 12:1 and Luke 12:47-48. What do you think are some reasons that can hinder believers from serving God with whatever God have given them? How could this possibly limit them to reach their fullest potential in who God is calling them to be and how God designed them to contribute to the building of His church?
 - Why is it important for believers to depend on God’s enablement through the Holy Spirit when we are serving Him? What can happen when believers persist in serving Him in our own strength and abilities? In what ways has God been enabling you to serve Him in the area of your spiritual giftings? What do you think God wants you to do with your spiritual gifting(s) where He has currently placed you within the church? On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the most faithful), rate your faithfulness in exercising your spiritual gifts in building up the church? Explain your rating. What are some things you can start straightaway in order to be faithful with what God has gifted you with?

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace

in its various forms.”

~ 1 Peter 4:10