

STEP 2: DISCOVER

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

1 Peter 4:10

How can I serve?

Jesus has gifted us with everything we need to serve Him and to make an impact in this world for him.

A THEOLOGY OF SERVING

Jesus served us

- In Scripture, Jesus practically served others, even those who were considered “the least of these.”
- Jesus washing his disciples feet (**John 13:1–7**)
- Jesus loving the least of these (**Matthew 25:40**)
- Ultimately, Jesus first served us and others because of his sacrificial death on our behalf.

Jesus taught us why we serve

- We serve God because he first served us. We serve others because God has served us and by serving others, we demonstrate the love God has for all people.
- We love because he first loved us. **1 John 4:19**
- But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. **Matthew 20:26–28**

Jesus empowered us to serve

We are able to serve others because of the empowering of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We believe it’s important to serve the local church as first, an outpouring of our love for God and second, as an outpouring of our love for others.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. **Acts 1:8**

THE GIFTS FOR SERVING

What are the gifts listed in scripture?

Administration, Apostleship, Discernment, Evangelism, Exhortation, Faith, Giving, Healing, Interpretation, Knowledge, Leadership, Mercy, Miracles, Pastor/Shepherd, Prophecy, Service, Teaching, Tongues, Wisdom. (**Romans 12:6–8, 1 Corinthians 12:4–11, 1 Corinthians 12:28–30, Ephesians 4:7–12**)

What does the Bible teach about gifts?

- We receive these gifts at salvation (**1 Corinthians 12:4–7, 11**)
- All Christians have gifts (**1 Corinthians 12:14–20**)
- Gifts are given to us and practiced in humility for the good of the church - For service, not display. (**1 Corinthians 12:21–31**).

ASSESSING YOUR GIFTS

If God has gifted every believer, how do we know what our gift might be. Below are some helpful steps in determining your gift.

- Find out the needs of your church.
- Ask yourself “what do I enjoy to do?” Chances are the thing that gives you life is exactly the thing God has gifted you in.
- Take a spiritual inventory. This is not the “end all, be all” in regards to knowing your spiritual gift, but there are some excellent tools out there that can help you understand (http://www.lifeway.com/lwc/files/lwcF_MYCS_030526_Spiritual_Gifts_Survey.pdf)
- Seek godly counsel. Talk with your pastor(s), vGroup leader(s), mentors, and friends about your spiritual gift.
- Pray! This can’t be done enough. Pray for guidance, direction, and clarity.

USING YOUR GIFTS

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