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Ephesians 4:7-13

We all identify with something, and often it is something that is insignificant. We have been given the unique opportunity to build the body of Christ, to be a part of something truly meaningful. The world experiences Christ through the spiritual gifts lived out through believers. Spiritual gifts are bestowed on us at the moment of salvation, however, many believers are either unaware of their gifts or are underserving in their area of giftedness. Spiritual gifts are for the edification of the church, not for self-service.

Questions

1. In Matt's introduction, he spoke about the ways in which we identify with something, usually things that are not significant. In what ways do you identify with things that may result in a lack of time or energy to serve the church?
2. If we are in Christ, then we have at least one spiritual gift. Are you aware of your gifting? In what ways are you developing that gift? If you are not aware of your spiritual gifts, then what can you do to become aware of the unique way God has equipped you?
3. Matt stated that serving "never starts where you want, never ends where you started, and never goes exactly how you thought it would go." In what ways have you experienced the reality of this statement?
4. How is serving related to spiritual growth? Do you agree that serving is as important as prayer when it comes to spiritual growth and discipline?
5. Who have you served, or what impact have you left, so that if you were to leave Grace church, the church body would suffer?