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### WHY SHOULD WE SERVE?

#### 1 SAMUEL 12:24 (VOICE)

Make this your **one purpose**: to **revere Him** and **serve Him faithfully** with **complete devotion** because **He has done great things for you**.

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27 (ERV)

All of you together are the body of Christ. **Each one of you is a part of that body**.

#### 1 PETER 4:10 (ERV)

**God has shown you his grace** in many different ways. So **be good servants** and use whatever gift he has given you in a way that will best serve each other.

#### MARK 10:45 (ESV)

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but **to serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**WE NEED THE CHURCH AND THE CHURCH NEEDS US. WE NEED EACH OTHER.**

**WE ALL HAVE A GOD-GIVEN S. H. A. P. E.**

### S - SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Once we become a Christian, the Holy Spirit automatically gives us a spiritual gift.

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7 (ERV)

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they are all from the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve, but we serve the same Lord. And there are different ways that God works in people, but it is the same God who works in all of us to do everything. Something from the Spirit can be seen in each person. The Spirit gives this to each one to help others.

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 2:14 (GNT)

Whoever does not have the Spirit cannot receive the gifts that come from God's Spirit.

### H - HEART

The heart is all about your feelings, emotions, desires dwell, dreams, hopes, ambitions, interests, affections. It's about what you love to do, what you are passionate about.

#### PROVERBS 27:19 (ERV)

Just as you can see your own face reflected in water, so **your heart reflects the kind of person you are**.



## A - ABILITIES

God doesn't waste abilities; he matches our calling and our capabilities. Our abilities were not given just to make a living; God gave them to us to BE USED also FOR HIS CHURCH.

## P - PERSONALITY

Personality is the combination of characteristics or qualities that form an individual's distinctive character. It shows how you behave, think, and feel.

- Each one of us has been given a unique personality based on our preferences.
- Your personality affects how you use your spiritual gifts and skills.
- There is no right or wrong personality.

## E - EXPERIENCE

6 KINDS OF PAST EXPERIENCES BY PASTOR RICK WARREN:

1. Family experiences: What did you learn growing up in your family?
2. Educational experiences: What were your favorite subjects in school?
3. Vocational experiences: What jobs have you been most effective in and enjoyed most?
4. Spiritual experiences: What have been your most meaningful times with God?
5. Ministry experiences: How have you served God in the past?
6. Painful experiences: What problems, hurts, and trials have you learned from?

### 2 CORINTHIANS 1:4 (ERV)

He comforts us every time we have trouble so that when others have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us.

## QUESTIONS FOR HUDDLE DISCUSSION:

1. What should we know about each other's personality & preferences, that we may learn to accept and respect our differences? (e.g. work habits, main source of energy - people or tasks, how you deal with stress, what offends you, etc.)
2. What painful experience do you have that you think God can use to minister to others?