

PHILOSOPHY OF SERVICE: INTRODUCTION & CALLING

In recent times, there has been an "epidemic of emptiness" - a widespread sense of meaninglessness, alienation, and lack of purpose, often described as languishing.

As followers of the Way, we are called to LIVE IN THE FULL LIFE.

JOHN 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

"Minister" is from the Greek word "douleuo," meaning servant.
"Ministry" is from the Greek word "diakoneo," meaning to serve.

At Pinnacle Village, we have what is called, **"The 6 Directives of Service."**

1. CALLING
2. CORE SPIRITUALITY
3. CHARACTER
4. COMPETENCE
5. CHEMISTRY
6. CULTURE

In this session, we will talk about **"CALLING."**

WE HAVE A CALLING AS THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

MATTHEW 16:18

... I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

1 PETER 2:9, NCV

⁹ But you are a chosen people, ...a people for God's own possession. You were chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

2 CORINTHIANS 5 // VOICE

¹⁸ ...And He has given us the same mission,
the ministry of reconciliation, to bring others back to Him.

¹⁹ It is central to our good news GOSPEL
that God was in Christ making things right between Himself and the world.

²⁰ So we are now representatives of the Christ;
God has given us a charge to carry through our lives--
urging all people on behalf of Christ to become reconciled to Him.

"The Father sent the Son; the Son sends the Spirit and his disciples into the world. Therefore, the whole church is in mission; every Christian is in mission. God never calls you in to bless you without also sending you out to be a blessing. So a Christian is not a spiritual consumer, coming in to get his or her emotional needs met and then going home. A missional church, then, is one that trains and encourages its people to be in mission as a body and as individuals."

- Timothy Keller



*"The Church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ ... if they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time.
God became Man for no other purpose.
- C.S. Lewis*

WE HAVE A CALLING AS THE LOCAL CHURCH.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:2

I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.

The 4 IP's of Pinnacle Village Environers:

1. Impressive Place
2. Inspiring Programs
3. Inclusive People
4. Immanuel Presence

As each member of the church embraces the call to minister and mentor, we must learn to discover our **"S.H.A.P.E."**

S: Spiritual Gift (Supernatural abilities given by the Holy Spirit to believers for service within the church)

H: Heart Burden (Individual's passions, burdens, desires)

P: Personality (One's unique way of interacting with the world)

E: Experience (Past experiences, both positive and painful that gives perspective on burden and ability to minister to others)

We are to take the journey **from VOLUNTEER to COMMITTED WORKER.**

1 PETER 4:10-11

- 10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.
- 11 If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. According to 2 Corinthians 5:18-20, what is our calling as the universal church?
2. How is God calling you to serve in Pinnacle Village as your local church?