

# SHAPE:

## Everyone is called to ministry

**Acts 6:3-7 (NIV)** “Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup>and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”  
<sup>5</sup>This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup>They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.”

**John 13:3-11 (NIV)** “Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup>so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. <sup>5</sup>After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, ‘Lord, are you going to wash my feet?’ <sup>7</sup>Jesus replied, ‘You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.’ <sup>8</sup>‘No,’ said Peter, ‘you shall never wash my feet.’ Jesus answered, ‘Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.’ <sup>9</sup>‘Then, Lord,’ Simon Peter replied, ‘not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!’ <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered, ‘Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.’ <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.”

**John 13:12-17 (NIV)** “When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. ‘Do you understand what I have done for you?’ he asked them. <sup>13</sup>‘You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

### Five reasons to serve right here at our Church

#### 1st - You are designed for ministry.

**Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)** “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”

#### 2nd - You are authorized for ministry.

**Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)** “Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All Authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

#### 3rd - You are prepared for ministry.

**Luke 9:1-2 (NIV)** “When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup>and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.”

**Luke 9:10 (NIV)** “When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida”

**Luke 9:12-17 (NIV)** “Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.’ <sup>13</sup>He replied, ‘You

give them something to eat.' They answered, 'We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.' <sup>14</sup>(About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, 'Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' <sup>15</sup>The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. <sup>16</sup>Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. <sup>17</sup>They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over."

## 4th - The church needs your ministry.

**1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)** "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it."

## 5th - You are SHAPED for Ministry.

**Galatians 5:13 (NIV)** "You, my brothers and sisters were called to be free. But I do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather serve one another humbly in love."