

BETTER THAN BEFORE

Do you know your potential? Eph 4:11-16; 1 Pet 4:10-11 (NIV)

Many people are looking to change their lives. And after the past year, many of us would welcome change. We are ready for things to be different. We are ready for community. As we go forward, we should pause to ask ourselves, "what have we learned, and what do we want to carry forward"? If we are intentional about the questions we ask ourselves, we can emerge from this season Better Than Before.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. [ICEBREAKER] Do you enjoy volunteering with local community groups? Have you volunteered with Habitat or similar groups?
- 2. What do you know about silos, stovepipes, or barriers to teamwork? Have you seen examples of this in any churches you've attended? How might you overcome these barriers?
- 3. Have you discovered your spiritual gift? How are you growing it?
- 4. How do you feel about being considered a "minister"? What area of the church do you think might benefit from your gift?
- 5. Pastor William reminds us "God qualifies those He calls". Do you know anyone who has had experience in this area? How do you imagine it would look in action?

NEXT STEPS: This week consider taking time to think about your next steps in this area.

- a. How can you discover your gifts to serve the church? (southview.org/gifts)
- b. Consider reaching out to the church staff to ask about your potential. (info@southview.org)
- c. Remember: You have a gift, and sharing it will help grow both you and our community to become better than before.

MOVING FORWARD

How will you use your potential?

"If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ."

—1 Peter 4:11b (NIV)