

Family of Families

What We Do: Serve

I Peter 4:10-11

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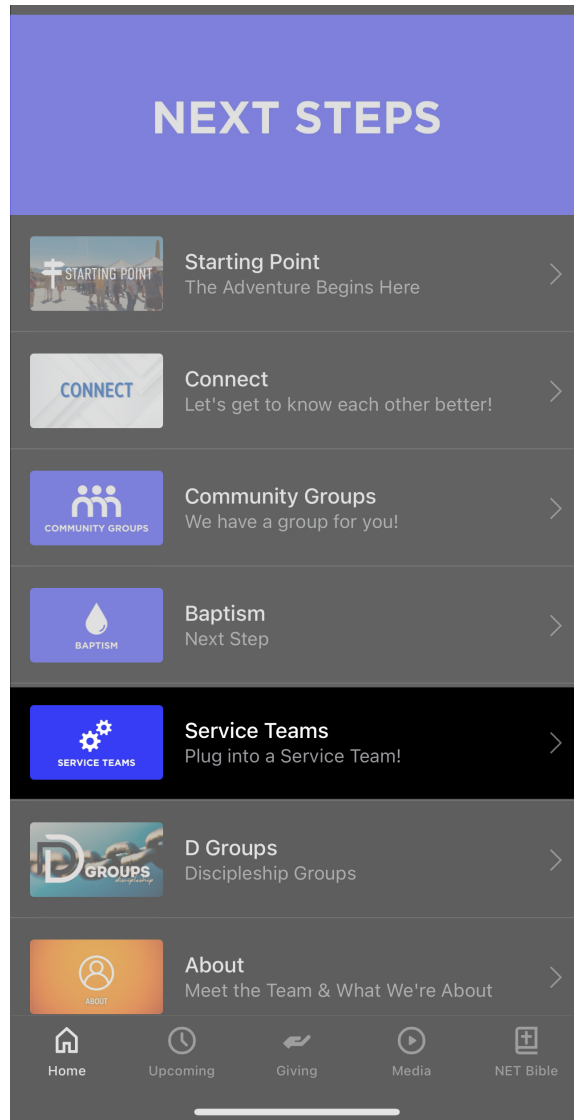
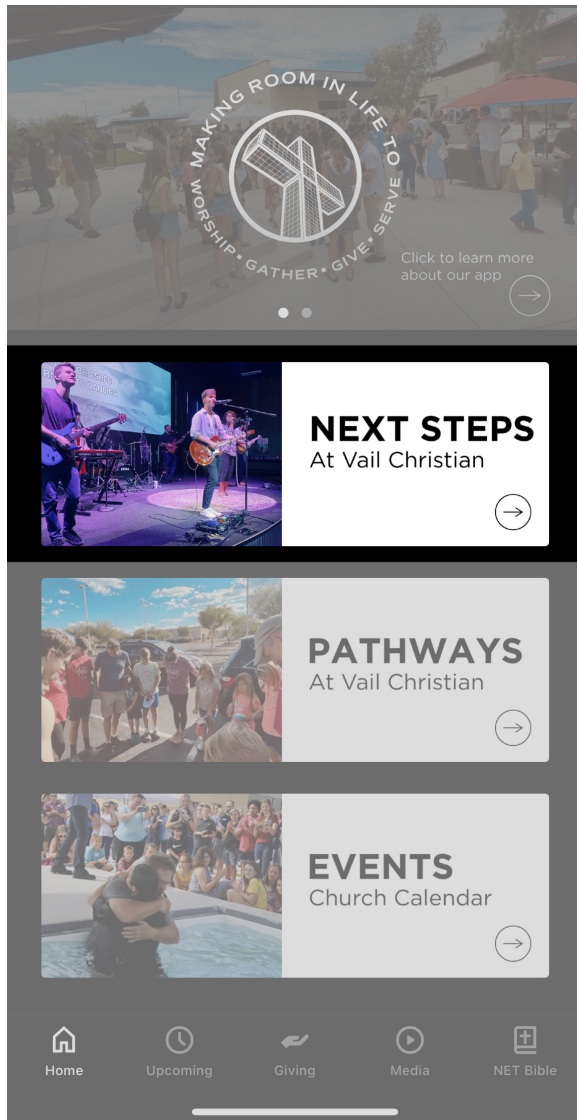
1. Our Call to Serve Comes from Christ

- 1 Peter 4:10–11 NET
Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of the varied grace of God. Whoever speaks, let it be with God's words. Whoever serves, do so with the strength that God supplies, so that in everything God will be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.
- Matthew 20:28 NET
...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
- **Christ came to serve, not be served:** In Matthew 20:28, Jesus said He did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.
- **We are being made in His image:** As followers of Christ, our spiritual journey is one of being conformed to His character.
- **Service is about reflecting Christ's glory:** By following His example of humility and service, our lives become a reflection of Him.

2. How We Are Equipped to Serve

- Ephesians 4:12 NET
...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, that is, to build up the body of Christ...
- 1 Corinthians 12:7 NET
To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the benefit of all.
- 1 Corinthians 12:11 NET
It is one and the same Spirit, distributing as he decides to each person, who produces all these things.
- **You were saved for good works:** You weren't just saved from sin and death, but saved for a purpose—to be part of God's mission.

- **God has given you the Holy Spirit and a spiritual gift:** Every believer receives a unique spiritual gift to carry out this mission (1 Corinthians 12:7).
- **Spiritual gifts are for the benefit of others:** These gifts are not for our own gain but for serving and building up the church body.
- Spiritual Gifts:
 - **Leadership:** Romans 12:8
 - **Administration:** 1 Corinthians 12:28
 - **Teaching:** 1 Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:7; Ephesians 4:11
 - **Knowledge:** 1 Corinthians 12:28
 - **Wisdom:** 1 Corinthians 12:28
 - **Prophecy:** 1 Corinthians 12:10; Romans 12:6
 - **Tongues:** 1 Corinthians 12:10;28
 - **Discernment:** 1 Corinthians 12:10
 - **Exhortation:** Romans 12:8
 - **Shepherding:** Ephesians 4:11
 - **Faith:** 1 Corinthians 12:9
 - **Evangelism:** Ephesians 4:11
 - **Service/Help:** 1 Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:7
 - **Mercy:** Romans 12:8
 - **Giving:** Romans 12:8
 - **Hospitality:** 1 Peter 4:9
- **The best way to discover your spiritual gift is to start serving:** While tools can help, actively serving is the most effective way to identify and refine your gifts.



3. Take the Next Step

- **Make a commitment to be a partner, not just a spectator:** God is calling you to actively participate in His work, not just observe from the sidelines.
- **Fill out the commitment card in your seat:** This card is a tangible way to commit to worship, gathering, giving, and serving.
- **Drop the card in a basket on your way out:** This action represents your commitment to God and the church community.