

SAY YES!
WEEK 2

1 Peter 4:10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve *one* another.

Last week: we asked you to serve..... %.01 of you said yes....

Dad being my father left me with being the bad cop this week...

So maybe we should look into why we don't serve to prompt us to see why we should serve....

1. First we need to look at, Where to serve? And how do we know?

Skills

Talents

Spiritual gifts

2. We can help by utilizing our abilities

Talents and skills

Some of you are born with natural abilities

Ex. bronc riding story

Musical talents “found out one of my youth team members is bad to the bone with a french horn”

Fix anything mechanically wrong

Collin poschell makes fun of me because i don't have this talent

Technology

And we might just need to ask others?

Proverbs 15:22 Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.

Where do I need to serve?

Ask them to be honest!

I want to lead a group

I want to sing.....just stop

Some of you want to drive heavy equipment

Spiritual gifts

How do you know?

Take the test

Lifeway.....its freeeee

Pay attention to your responses to hurting people

The manner in how we first respond to a hurting person is a good general indication of our spiritual gift...

II. Why are we not serving

Observation:

Disclaimer

Age

Sickness

Life seasons

Jobs

Babies

These prevent us, hinder us, and limit us at times.

Why are we not serving?

Because it's an inconvenience

JB once said

It is my observation that many church leaders consider work (time they are monetarily compensated for) as serving and see little to need to volunteer outside of that. To quote my friend and spiritual leader MM, “ If it does not inconvenience you or hurt a little bit it probably aint serving.” (I may be off a little, but it was close to that.)

Wonder how much of an inconvenience the crucifixion was? Jesus served us....can't we serve others on his behalf?

Matthew 20:28 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Because we may think we are to messed up

“The talent pool has always been pretty thin when it comes to moral perfection.” Anon

1 Tim. 1: ¹⁵ This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all. ¹⁶ But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. Remember....your mess may help someone else with

their mess

Because we may think I am depressed
Serving takes our mind off our issues and puts them on
others.

We are created to serve. To help.
When we do not we are out of balance with our created
purpose.

From one source.....

“It’s a fact: serving reduces
mortality by 22% – 44%. People who volunteer
have 29% lower risk of high blood pressure, 17%
lower risk of inflammation levels, and spend 38%
fewer nights in the hospital.

How many times have you heard how bad stress is
for your health? But how do we reduce our stress?
Serving others does that. Our brains have a part
called the amygdala which is the fight-or-flight
center. When we are stressed, the amygdala is
triggered so that either we feel threatened and angry
or we try to escape what we perceive as a threat.
Serving actually calms the amygdala. As Zaraska
puts it, *“helping others calms us down”*

Matthew 20: ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever
wants to become great among you must be your
servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your
slave— ²⁸ 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.”

Because we are givers

I give. Isn’t that enough?

Giving is something believers are called to do.

However we are given more than money to give!!!!

Money only hires a limited amount of people to perform task that money cannot fix.

Ex....Teaching, encouragement, greeters, prayer partners

"Why should believers volunteer? In this current day and time, which is more valuable our time or our money? Personally, I could make more money I just need more time. We must surrender the things we consider most valuable to God. He wants more than our time and all our money, it belongs to him already. Show me where a man spends his time....." Jeremy Blake

Galatians 6:2 - Bear one another's burdens, (which involves more than just giving money to your local church) and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

Because I volunteer in civic clubs

That is great!

But believers are called to use gifts to help the church

first

Because we have "aged out"

Christianity is not a sports league

"As you know, I don't believe in retirement. ... I'll continue to preach the gospel as long as God allows," he added. "My goal remains the same—to get the truth of the gospel to as many people as possible as quickly as possible in the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God. "Charles Stanley

There are no indicators in scripture that we get to "set

out"

We adapt to wherever God has us. Paul never stopped! HE did however adjust to whatever situation and season God had him in.

Because the staff is supposed to do it

Staff is there to help and train others do the "work of the ministry"

Eph 4:11-12:

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.

Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

Because we have a Jesus "problem"

John 13:34

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit

Eph 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Fractured relationship

No relationship

Close:

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'

Martin Luther King, Jr.