

Message: "We are Sunnybrook Week 3 – Serving"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:31

"Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be [ignorant]." 1 Corinthians 12:1

1. **GOD CREATED YOU TO SERVE.**

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

"Whoever obeys my Word will not taste death." John 8:51

"But you are a chosen **people**, a royal priesthood, a **holy nation**, God's special possession." 1 Peter 2:9

"...you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5

2. **GOD GIFTED YOU TO SERVE.**

"To each person has been given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:7

3. **GOD CHANGES YOU WHEN YOU SERVE.**

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves..." Philippians 2:3

"[Jesus] did not regard equality with God as something to be used to privilege his own status. He humbled himself." Philippians 2:6

4. **GOD USES YOU WHEN YOU SERVE.**

"The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!'" 1 Corinthians 12:21

"If one part of the body suffers, every part suffers with it." 1 Corinthians 12:26

"Thus, it is a good idea for all members to receive a definite task to perform for the community so that they may know in times of doubt that they, too, are not useless and incapable of doing anything. Every Christian community must know that not only do the weak need the strong, but also the strong cannot exist without the weak. The elimination of the weak is the death of the community." **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

5. **GOD WILL REWARD YOUR SERVING.**

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:9-10