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PART 2: SKIP THE DRIVE-THRU

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. 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 4:8-10

1. How do you think the average person would describe the Church? How would you have described the church before you became part of the church? Are these descriptions accurate? If not, why not?
2. What do you think is the biggest obstacle to serving—both in the church and in our day-to-day interactions?
3. Sometimes, it's uncomfortable to talk about your own gifts. In light of that, take a while and discuss some of the gifts that you have noticed in some of your other group members.
4. Have you ever served in a position that allowed you to use your gifts? What was that like?
5. Discuss what it means to be a steward of God's grace.
6. Peter finishes this thought in writing "...so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." To glorify God is to put his true character on display. How does this concept relate to this passage? How is God glorified by our service?
7. Do you think it's possible for the church's reputation to be restored? How can we change the way people see God in our families, relationships, workplaces, and in the community?

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TO GIVE YOURSELF TO
SOMETHING BEYOND YOURSELF

"...there is something divine in the midst of them."