

You Have a Ministry
The Jesus Follower Message Series Week 2
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Five Reasons Why You Should Make Serving God a Priority:

1. God has uniquely designed you to serve Him.
(Jeremiah 1:4-5; Psalm 139:13-14; Ephesians 2:8-10)
2. All followers of Jesus have a spiritual gift.
(1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Romans 12:6-8)

“Don’t try to figure out your gifts before volunteering to serve somewhere. Just start serving. You discover your gifts by getting involved in ministry. Try teaching or leading or organizing or playing an instrument or working with teenagers. You will never know what you’re good at until you try. When it doesn’t work out, call it an ‘experiment,’ not a failure. You will eventually learn what you’re good at.”

Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Zondervan,
Grand Rapids, MI, 2002, p. 251.

3. You are needed; your role is important and necessary.
(1 Corinthians 12:14-22)
4. It leads to your growth and maturity. (Ephesians 4:15-16)

“The *last* thing many believers need today is to go to another Bible study. They already know far more than they are putting into practice. What they need are *servicing* experiences in which they can exercise their spiritual muscles.”

Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Zondervan,
Grand Rapids, MI, 2002, p. 231.

5. Your children are watching you.

Ministry Tips

1. Do few things and do them well.
2. Do what you enjoy and are passionate about.

“When you are doing what you *love* to do, no one has to motivate you or challenge you or check up on you. You do it for the sheer enjoyment. You don’t need rewards or applause or payment, because you love serving in this way. The opposite is also true: When you don’t have a heart for what you’re doing, you are easily discouraged.

The second characteristic of serving God from your heart is *effectiveness*. Whenever you do what God wired you to *love* to do, you get good at it. Passion drives perfection. If you don’t care about a task, it is unlikely that you will excel at it. In contrast, the highest achievers in any field are those who do it because of passion, not duty or profit.”

Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, 2002, pp. 238-239.

3. Don’t allow your worth, value, and identity to be connected to your ministry.
4. Serve God out of the overflow of your walk with Jesus.

Action Steps

1. What do you need to say “no” to in order to have space to serve God?
2. Go to Next Steps on Sunday, October 9, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
3. Contact someone on staff at CBC and brainstorm about how you can serve in his or her ministry.