

Session for  
**Christian Serves and Stewards**



**EQUIP**

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**MEET WITH A FRIEND**

- **Share** any thoughts/reflection/questions you had on the session.
- **Discuss/Apply**
  - In what ways can you serve God in the local church?
  - What steps do you have to take to achieve that?
- **Pray** for each other in light of what you have talked about today.

**SESSION SUMMARY**

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

**- 1 Peter 4:10-11 (ESV)**

*Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*

**- Romans 12:6-8 (ESV)**

*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,*

**- Ephesians 4:11-12 (ESV)**

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

**- 2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV)**

*Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.*

**- Acts 4:32-37 (ESV)**

**What is Christian Service?**

Christian service is the sincere worship of God with our whole lives which encompasses the dedication of our entire lives to God's service

- **Purposes of Service**

- To build up one another
- To attain spiritual maturity
- To glorify God
- **Reasons for Serving**
  - We are servants of Christ
  - We are commanded to serve
- **Motivations for Serving**
  - Motivated by Gratitude
  - Motivated by Humility
  - Motivated by Love
- **Service is a Gift**
- **Serving Requires Discipline**

#### **How can I serve?**

- **Essential:** Join a Care Group (CG) and be a proactive member of the CG
- Look out for opportunities to serve
  - Vacancies for volunteers can be divinely provided opportunities

#### **Who is a steward?**

A steward is a person who is given the responsibility to take care or manage something / resources on behalf of someone. A steward is not an owner but works for the owner and is held accountable.

#### **What is stewardship?**

Stewardship is taking responsibility for and being faithful with the things the Lord has entrusted to us.

#### **Biblical principles of giving:**

- God owns our resources, including our time and money (Hg 2:8)
- Giving is an act of worship (Phil 4:18)
- Giving reflects faith in God's provision (Mt 6:33)
- Giving should be sacrificial and generous (2 Cor 8:1-5)
- Giving results in bountiful blessing - it is not prosperity gospel (Lk 6:38)

#### **How can I steward?**

- Give to the church works
  - Support the workers who are on staff
  - Support for the ministries
- Give to the church missions
  - Support the missionaries
  - Support gospel partners
  - Support for local missions

#### **GBC Members' Covenant:**

- *We will serve others with the spiritual gifts with which God has blessed us, for the edification of the body of Christ. (Eph 4:15-16; Rom 12:3-8)*
- *We will contribute cheerfully, generously and regularly to the church to support the ministry of the Word, the relief of the poor in our midst, and the spread of the Gospel to all nations. (Matt 28:19; Luk 12:33; 2 Cor 9:7)*