

# Living a Life of Gospel-Fueled Service and Generosity

## Lesson 4: SHAPED to Serve

**Sunday Message Text:** Romans 12:1-8.

**Big Idea:** God created every believer anew in Christ Jesus with the heart, personality, abilities, experiences, and spiritual gifts that uniquely empower us to serve others.

**Focus:** What has God made me to do?

- 1) If you heard Sunday's message, what was the most difficult thing for you to believe? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) **Read** 1 Corinthians 12:7 & 11, 1 Peter 4:10. What truths do these verses reveal to you about gifts?

**Read** 1 Peter 4:7-11.

- 3) V.7 - What does Peter mean by "the end of all things is near"? How does having this outlook impact how we should live our lives every day? How does it influence your priorities? Your prayer life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) V.8 – We're told the most important thing is to love each other deeply. What does it mean "for love covers a multitude of sins"? How does this relate to forgiveness and reconciliation within the body of believers you live/fellowship/minister/serve with?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) V.9 - What are some obstacles to offering hospitality to others? How can they be overcome? Why are we instructed to do this without "grumbling"?

- 6) V.10 – What are your gifts and how can you use them to serve others? Do you know what they are? What does it mean to be a good/faithful steward of them?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 7) V.11 – How do the words “speak as one who speaks the very words of God” apply to believers? What do they imply? What does it mean to serve “with the strength God provides”? How do we do that? What is the ultimate goal of these actions and why is it important?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 8) Think about the various gifts God has given you. Are you using them to serve others? If not, what steps can you take to discover them and begin to utilize them to build up the church?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 9) How can you encourage and support your fellow believers in using their spiritual gifts?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 10) How can you become more intentional about encouraging prayer, love, hospitality, and using your gifts to serve your church family this week?