



Sunday, January 16, 2022

Title: “*SHAPED to Serve*”

**Text: Colossians 3:23-24 / Luke 10:27 /
Mark 10:42-45 / Philippians 2:3-8**

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Big Idea: To follow Jesus is to love like Jesus, and to love like Jesus means to serve others.
(Colossians 3:23-24; Luke 10:27; Mark 10:42-45; Philippians 2:3-8)

1) We are created to serve. (Genesis 1:15)

Serving God and serving one another is basic to our being made in God’s image.

2) We are saved to serve. (Romans 1:25)

Having freely chosen to rescue us by His Son, God serves us in a way that changes our lives and becomes the pattern for our service in this life and in the one to come.

3) We are equipped to serve. (Ephesians 4:12-13)

Gifts are given so that Christ’s body (the church) may be built up. (1Peter 4:10)

4) We are called to serve. (John 13:15)

Serving is not an option for the believer.

When we serve, it does two things:

a) Service produces spiritual growth. (Romans 8:29)

b) Service achieves God’s purpose for your and my life. (Ephesians 2:10)

We must remember that serving others does not come naturally and may not always be easy, but we will be rewarded in heaven. We must remember that nothing is too small that God will not use. Nothing we do for God is in vain!

Questions:

1) What brings you delight, joy or fulfillment in life? Could this be a start in identifying what your spiritual gift is for ministry?

2) Who are people you admire for their servant-like heart? Have you affirmed them lately?

3) What obstacles may be preventing you from serving right now? (age is not an obstacle). When will it be a better time to serve?

4) What opportunities outside the church (i.e. work, neighborhood, charitable or civic organization) could be possible places you could serve God and bring his Light?