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WHY AM I HERE?

LESSON 5

TITLE: TO SERVE GOD.

Tonight, we're going to talk about the next purpose of your life.

You were shaped to serve God.

Review:

You Matter to God. The question of existence

You were planned for God's pleasure. The bible calls that worship.

You were formed for God's family. That's fellowship.

You were created to become like Christ. That's discipleship.

Now in this session #5, You were shaped to serve God. That's ministry.

In the bible the word "ministry" is the same word as "service"

There is no such thing as a non-serving Christian.

2 Timothy 1:9 TLB

It is he who saved us and chose us for His holy work.

God planned in advance what He would have you do with your life.

Ephesians 2:10 NIV

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

What matters in life is not how long you live but how you live.

What matters is not the duration of your life but the donation of your life.

God has shaped you for His service.

SHAPE

Spiritual Gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

Job 10:8 NIV

Your hands shaped me and made me.

Your talents are for the benefit of others.

1 Peter 4:10 NIV

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others.

My fifth purpose in life is to serve God by Serving others.

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You can only serve God by serving others.

How do you serve God? God is invisible. You can't see Him.

You serve Him by serving others.

Matthew 20:28 TLB

Your attitude must be like my one, for I did not come to be served, but to serve.

Notice attitude. Serving God involves your attitude.

How do we serve like Jesus?

#1 Serving like Jesus means being available.

If you're not available, God can't use you.

Matthew 20:32 NIV

Two blind men shouted, Lord, have mercy on us... Jesus stopped and call them. What do you want me to do for you? He asked.

Jesus stopped to serve the need of the blind men.

His path was interrupted for them.

If you're going to be used by God, you must be willing to be interrupted.

Most of Jesus miracles happen because of interruptions.

Jesus was available.

When you're not willing to be interrupted, you can't be use by God.

You're too busy.

Proverbs 3:28 TEV

Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.

#2 Serving like Jesus means being grateful.

John 11:41 NIV

Jesus looked up and said, Father, I think you that you have heard me. I knew you always her me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here.

I thank you with gratefulness.

You should always minister out of gratitude.

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Paul was grateful for his ministry.

1 Timothy 1:12 NCV

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who gave me strength, because He trusted me and gave me this work of serving Him.

Psalms 100:2 KJV

Serve the Lord with gladness.

#3 Serving like Jesus means being faithful.

You don't give up.

You carry on when nobody else notices.

That's faithfulness.

You don't quit in the middle of your assignment.

John 17:4 NIV

I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

How do you bring glory to God? By completing the work He gives me to do.

If you're going to be like Jesus, it means you're going to serve God as long as you're alive.

1 Corinthians 4:2 TEV

The one thing required of such servants is that they be faithful.

What motivates you to be faithful in your service?

How about being grateful for all the things God has done in your life?

When you serve others now, God will reward you eternally.

You can be grateful that God has forgiven you of your past, and that He will reward you in the future.

1 Corinthians 15: 58 MSG

Throw yourself into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for Him is a waste of time or effort.

It all matters to God.

No matter how great your service is or how small, God rewards it.

Every act of service for the kingdom is important.

What can you do to serve your church family.

We all need to serve. We all need to contribute.

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Colossians 3:23-24 NIV

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men... It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

#4 Serving like Jesus means being generous.

God left heaven and came to earth for our salvation. He gave himself... complete generosity.

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

Love and giving go together.

Serving is being willing to give of yourself.

2 Corinthians 9:11 NIV

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and... your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Let's review:

Availability

Gratitude

Faithfulness

Generosity

These are the attitudes of serving like Jesus Christ.

When you boil it all down, you can do two things with your life. You can waste it or invest it.

I challenge you to invest your life. Invest in what will outlast your life.