

Called to Serve

Various Texts

Called to Follow

- Being a Christian means several things
- It means we have come to understand that we are sinners in need of a Savior
- It means that we have come to believe that Jesus
 - Is the Son of God who became a man
 - Lived a perfect life, died for our sins, and rose again
- It means that we are called to be disciples of Jesus, not simple believers in Jesus
 - Disciple: One who follows (Matt 28:18-20)
- As we are filled with His Holy Spirit, we seek to live like Jesus (1 John 2:4-6)

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- Jesus was a servant and calls us to be the same (Matt 20:26-28)
- We are all uniquely gifted by God to serve in various ways for the good of others, both in the Church and outside (1 Cor 12:7, 11)

Called to Belong

- Being a Christian is not meant to be a solo adventure
- We are called to be in community with one another
- The overwhelming language of the NT is communal
 - There are 36 'One Another' & 20 'Each Other' commands in the NT
 - Commands to love, encourage, serve, be patient, be concerned, accept, carry burdens, forgive, be honest, build up, be kind, confess, pray, be devoted, don't judge, instruct, greet, be hospitable, submit, admonish, meet with, don't slander, be humble, and be at peace
- Being in community is a commitment:
 - Of time
 - Of resources
 - Of talents
- One way we express that commitment is through membership in local congregations
- To be the community that reflects Jesus to the world, we need everyone to do their part
 - Serving, giving, & loving each other well

Ways to Serve

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| • Children's Church | • Cemetery Care |
| • Nursery | • Properties |
| • Youth Group | • Serving Teams |
| • Worship Team (inc. Sound & Tech team) | • Congregational Care |
| • Ushers & Greeters | • Missions |
| • Community Outreach | • Elders |
| • Finances | |

So What?

- How can you help us all be better followers of Jesus?

Meditation Verse: *1 Peter 4:10*