

## What's Your Story? Week 6: Service

### Part 1: Why Belong to the Church?

1. Because God's Word \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Ephesians 2:19

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household*

2. Because the Church is God's tool for \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 16:18

*And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*

3. Because the Church is a \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 12:4,12

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.*

<sup>12</sup>*The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.*

- I am a \_\_\_\_\_ of the body and I \_\_\_\_\_ the body.
- When I don't serve, the body \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Because I exist to \_\_\_\_\_ through the local church.

Matthew 25:14-30

### Part 2: Secrets of Service

1. If you are in Christ, you have been given a \_\_\_\_\_.

- We will either use our gift for our \_\_\_\_\_ or God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- The apron of service is where ultimate spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is found.
- We are most gratified in our life when God is most glorified by our \_\_\_\_\_.

2. We will have to give an \_\_\_\_\_ for how we have served.

Romans 14:10

*You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.*

- We will not be judged against what \_\_\_\_\_ have done for God but what \_\_\_\_\_ have done with what God has given us.

Romans 12:6

*We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.*

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ we have in heaven will reflect how we have served on earth.

- Serving God is investing in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- I will either be \_\_\_\_\_ with my life or \_\_\_\_\_ with my life.

4. Our service doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ us; it merely reflects that God has saved us.

James 2:14-17

*What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? <sup>15</sup>Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup>If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup>In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*

- We are not justified by \_\_\_\_\_ anymore than we are justified by \_\_\_\_\_.
- There is an unbreakable connection between what we \_\_\_\_\_ and what we \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Service is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Common Fears of Service

**Fear:** My \_\_\_\_\_ won't be good enough.

**Answer:** Your best always brings \_\_\_\_\_ and that is always good enough.

**Fear:** I will have to give up too much \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer:** It is in service - not \_\_\_\_\_ - that we find fullness.

**Fear:** I will have to \_\_\_\_\_ too much.

**Answer:** God already tilted the game of life in favor of those who take \_\_\_\_\_ for Him.