

### UNCOMMON GOOD: SERVING YOUR CHURCH

*1 Corinthians 12:12-31*

#### MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. YOU ARE ESSENTIAL
2. WE ARE INTERDEPENDENT
3. HOW TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH
4. THE BETTER WAY

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. The church is more than a Sunday morning gathering. It is an interdependent community of people. What are some organized ways you've been able to serve your church (Sunday morning teams, volunteer opportunities, etc.)? What are some organic ways you've been able to serve your church?
3. One of the main ideas this week was that you are an essential part of the church. What are some things that have made you or someone you know feel non-essential in the church? What would you tell someone who was convinced the church didn't need them?
4. The purpose of any spiritual gift is to build up people to be more like Jesus (Eph. 4:15-16). What are some pitfalls we can run into if we forget the purpose of our spiritual gifts? What are some benefits of knowing this purpose?
5. Is there anything you do that builds up the faith of people around you? Have you ever been told by others that something you did encouraged them or helped them to be more like Jesus? If you have examples of these types of things, you may have discovered one or more of your spiritual gifts.
6. One approach to discover and use our spiritual gifts is to regularly seek to build up those around us, ask others to speak into our lives and just pay attention to what God does. What is something you can do this week with the intent of building up another person's faith? Who is someone you can ask (and trust) to speak truth into your life about how God has gifted you?
7. We closed out our four-week series about serving by talking about "the better way" of love. If we are not a people of love then all of our efforts and striving are nothing. Read 1 John 4:7-21 together as a group and talk about what stands out to you about this passage.

**A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU:** God does not love us because we serve, we serve because God loves us.