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Week 3 Member Guide

SERMON RECAP: WHAT DID THE TEXT MEAN? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

In the message this week, we examined what it means to serve together in sharing the mission and vision of the church.

WARM UP

There have been many actors and actresses who have played the role of a “servant” on once popular TV shows. Write down the name of the “servant” character next to the name of the program.

- Adam’s Family _____
- Fresh Prince of Bel Air _____
- Batman _____
- Brady Bunch _____
- The Nanny _____
- The Jefferson’s _____
- Who’s the Boss _____

Which one of these TV “servants” is an example of what it means to serve? Why?

Which one of these TV “servants” is not an example of what it means to serve? Why?

Jesus said he came not to be served, but to serve. What are some examples of how Jesus was a servant to others?

THE TEXT: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

Read Romans 12:3:

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

- What can we conclude about the gifts of the Spirit from the first statement in verse 3: “For by the grace given to me...”?
- What is the importance of this statement from verse 3: “I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think...”?

Read Romans 12:4-5:

4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

- Why does Paul use the comparison between the human body and the body of Christ?
- What do you think Paul wants the believer to understand when he says that followers of Christ are many parts of one body and we all belong to one another?

Read Romans 12:6-8:

6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

- What are ways a follower of Christ can use their gifts at Rush Creek? This small group?

DIGGING DEEPER

Take the Spiritual Gifts Analysis found at rush.is/giftstest this week. Utilize the final section of this analysis to apply your results to discover the types of service available at Rush Creek. Spend time in prayer seeking the Lord’s direction regarding how you might use your abilities in the church and within your small group.