

sermon notes

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Knowing God through Service

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1. Service is a primary way to know and experience God. (Matthew 25:35–40)

2. Service is God's action plan to build His Church and advance His Kingdom on this earth. (Ephesians 4:7, 10–12, 16)

3. The key to finding a meaningful place of service is to discover and use your spiritual gift(s).
(1 Corinthians 12:7–11)

How has God wired you?

1. “Hands” Gifts

2. “Heart” Gifts

3. “Mouth” Gifts

4. “Head” Gifts

Wrap up

Three types of people here today...

1. “Checking out”—surveying—the lot.

2. “Tire Kickers”—no intention of buying/driving

3. “Experienced/serious” buyers and drivers

scripture

ESV Matthew 25:35–40 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

ESV Ephesians 4:7, 10–12, 16 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ. from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

ESV 1 Corinthians 12:7–11 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.