

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

Give Yourselves Fully to the Work of the Lord

1 Corinthians 15:58

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions
or family or personal devotions*

1. This verse encourages all believers to not give up and to not see that their service to God is in vain, but rather the opposite is true; so after reflecting and meditating on this verse, please paraphrase it in your own words as encouragement to those in your Life Group.
2. One of the passages in Scripture that helps describe or define our different paths of service to God is found in I Corinthians 12: 4 – 11. Can you share with your group what area or areas of service where you may have Spiritual gifting in? If you are not currently involved in a ministry, are there ministries at West Highland where you may consider helping?
3. Even though it would be quite rare that any individual believer would possess all of the Spiritual Gifts, are there fundamental ministries that we should all be involved in and “stand firm in” even though we may not have a particular gift in that area?
4. Think about an area of ministry in which you have served; can you share how that experience has changed you in terms of increased spiritual depth? What about in terms of increased fellowship with others? As a reference, consider Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians in Eph.3: 14-21.
5. If you are working full time, or even if you are not, what are the challenges that you face with regards to time management and how that affects your ability to serve? Any ideas on how you may alter your schedule or priorities? Who might be able to help you pray through and act upon these changes? Consider the example of Jesus in Luke 4: 42-44, how did He demonstrate His priorities even though people were making demands on Him?
6. You may have heard people say that God is all-powerful, all-knowing and is everywhere and that He really doesn’t need our help. Share why God would still want imperfect beings to partner with Him in ministry? (I Corinthians 3: 5-10 and II Corinthians 5:17-20)

7. How does performing ‘random acts of kindness’ for people constitute a form of serving God, as even non-Christians do this as well to help benefit others in need of some sort?

8. Pastor John mentioned that an old hymn came to mind from his early days as a believer entitled “Channels Only” – this was written by Mary Maxwell circa. 1900 and is now considered to be public domain. Here is the first verse and chorus below – please read (or sing!) it and share how we might practically be used as a ‘channel’ for God’s spiritual power?

*How I praise Thee, precious Savior,
That Thy love laid hold of me;
Thou hast saved and cleansed and filled me
That I might Thy channel be.*

*Chorus:
Channels only, blessed Master,
But with all Thy wondrous pow’r
Flowing through us, Thou canst use us
Every day and every hour.*