
SERMON OUTLINE

Finding Your Serving Sweet Spot

Part 8 – Connected to God and God's people

- I. Unique – Every believer is specifically gifted by God to serve others (Romans 12:1-8).
 - A. We properly understand our own significance only as we realize we belong to others (12:1-5).
 - B. God shows grace to us by the unique spiritual gift he gives us (12:46-8).

- II. Mature – Spiritual leaders equip others so that all can mature (Ephesians 4:11-16).
 - A. God gifted leaders are to equip others to build up a unified and mature church (Ephesians 4:11-13).
 - B. A maturing church is stable doctrinally, and becomes more like Christ as people work together in love (4:14-16).

- III. Indispensable – All are differently gifted but absolutely essential (1 Corinthians 12:12-26).
 - A. It's spiritually unhealthy to think of our part in the body as most important (14-20).
 - B. Since all are essential to the body there is no place for pride or indifference (21-26).

- IV. Activated – There is no point in having spiritual gifts unless we use them (1 Peter 4:10-11).
 - A. Our spiritual gifts are meaningless until we use them to show God's grace (10).
 - B. Speaking and serving gifts must all be used in dependence on God and for his glory (11).