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# PART FOUR: Make A Difference

## OUR HOPE FOR YOU

Today through **Make A Difference** our hope is to provide you with clear path of “Why?” and “How to?” be a part of a team, and, ultimately, fulfilling part of your God-given purpose.

## WHY BE A MEMBER OF THE DREAM TEAM?

**All of us were created by God to make a difference in the life of another person. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can touch the lives of others. We believe that your life will never make sense until you find, develop, and fulfill that purpose.**

*“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”* Ephesians 2:10

*“Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...and there are different kinds of service to God (ministry)...All of you together are the one Body of Christ and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it.”* 1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27 (LB)

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ calls us to \_\_\_\_\_.

*“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”* 1 Peter 4:10-11

*“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”* Galatians 5:13-14

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ is our \_\_\_\_\_ to serve.

*“But Jesus called them [His disciples] to him and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’”* Matthew 20:25-28

*Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me..." He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. John 13:3-17*

**a) In Jesus' example of serving, He is our example of \_\_\_\_\_.**

Hebrews 9 speaks about Jewish holy places and the sacrifices that were required for the sins of the people. There were sacrifices that needed to be made day after day, because day after day we all sin. However, when Jesus came, died on the cross, and rose on the third day, He became our eternal sacrifice. He offered Himself, the perfect and eternal sacrifice so that all of us might have the opportunity to know God, to love God and to serve Him with everything He has given us. In comparison to the old covenant and sacrifices offered to the Lord,

*"How much more will **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, **purify our conscience** from dead works **to serve the living God.**" Hebrews 9:14*

Just as Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins, we are to also offer ourselves as a living sacrifice to the Lord. This is our act of worship, our offering of ourselves to serve God.

*"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."*

Romans 12:1

*"Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:15-16*

**b) In Jesus' example of serving, He is our example of \_\_\_\_\_.**

Just before Jesus was betrayed and was facing the imminent cross before him, he prayed three times asking God to take it from him. Jesus is our greatest example of obedience...obedience even unto death on a cross.

*"And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." Matthew 26:39*

The writer of Hebrews further speaks to us about the obedience of Christ, and also gives us reminders of what God has asked of us and our own obedience.

*"Then I (Jesus) said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" Hebrews 10:7*

*"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you." Hebrews 13:17*

**c) In Jesus' example of serving, He did not serve aimlessly, He had a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when He walked the dusty paths of this earth. Just as He had a \_\_\_\_\_ and He has given us a \_\_\_\_\_.  
The Great Commission!**

*And Jesus came and said to them (His disciples), "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20*

**3. We were \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

**a. From the beginning, God created man to work.**

*The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. (Gen. 2:25)*

**b. We are \_\_\_\_\_ by serving.**

- i.** Helps us be more like Jesus, by following His example, thus allowing us to have a joy and a peace that comes from obedience.
- ii.** Increases our faith and gives us opportunities to witness miracles. (John 2 – the wedding at Cana)

- iii. Surrounds us with others who love Jesus and can help us follow Him, as we continue to discover and develop the gifts and abilities that God has given us.
- iv. It allows us to experience God in new and different ways as Paul tells us in Acts 20:35, *“remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”*

## HOW AND WHERE DO WE SERVE?

### 1. We serve in our \_\_\_\_\_.

We are one body of believers, but many members. The Lord's desire is for us to serve together in unity to bring His name glory and to reach the lost.

*“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 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.”* Romans 12:4-8

Each one of us is a vital member of the body of Christ. Everyone who serves, in both big and small ways, is indispensable and valuable to the church, and, most importantly, to God. He sees all the ways we serve and the heart with which we do it.

*“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ”...“For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ... But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”*

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

## 2. We serve in our \_\_\_\_\_.

Throughout the Old and New Testament the Bible calls on those who love the Lord to be the peacemakers, the seekers of justice and righteousness, to care for those who cannot care for themselves, to give to the poor, to visit those in prison, to love the unlovable and to help the lost be found and the blind to see. This happens when we help bring people into relationship with Jesus. That is what we as followers of Jesus are called to do.

*“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne”... “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 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.’” Matthew 25:31-40*

## 3. We bring the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.

While serving each other’s needs is certainly an important part of the church, the church does not exist to serve itself. We as people who love and follow Jesus are all called to take this most magnificent news of Jesus and share it with everyone!

Among the last words that Jesus said to his disciples are these two things:

*“And Jesus came and said to them (His disciples), ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Go** therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’” Matthew 28:18-20*

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8*

## AS A MEMBER OF THE DREAM TEAM, WE ALL ARE CALLED TO...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ people.

### **People matter to God, so they better matter to us!**

*“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”* Philippians 2:3-4

2. \_\_\_\_\_ relationships with my \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Real Life change happens and Real leaders are developed, when we take the needed steps towards intentional relationships!**

*“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”* Philippians 1:3-5

3. \_\_\_\_\_ each other.

### **We are people with a purpose, working together on purpose!**

*“He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.”* Colossians 1:28

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### **There is nothing more powerful than a life changed by Jesus Christ!**

*“In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”* Philippians 4:8-9, 13

## TO BEGIN SERVING ON THE DREAM TEAM

1. Attend an orientation to the ministry area of your choice.
2. Complete and sign the Dream Team Leadership Application and Expectations.
3. Complete a one-on-one interview with the team leader in your area of interest.
4. Take the "All In" Commitment, if you have not already done so.

**OUR PARYER IS THAT YOU WILL LEAVE THIS CLASS WITH A MISSION AND A FIRE TO KEEP SERVING JESUS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH REAL CHURCH!!**

**THIS IS THE DREAM TEAM AND WE ARE BLESSED TO SERVE ALONGSIDE YOU!**

## The **All In** Commitment

In following the example of Jesus, we want to give people who attend Real the opportunity to commit to going after another level in their faith. This is not a requirement or a demand. It does not come with a special status, a VIP pass, or an upgraded level in Heaven. It is simply an opportunity to commit yourself to a godly assignment and then go after it! This is a decision that will be challenging, inconvenient, and costly. However, it will challenge your faith to grow, make an impact, and keep you from becoming stagnant.

### **I commit to invest in the health and unity of Real Church by:**

- Supporting and protecting the vision of the leadership (Hebrews 13:17)
- Resolving conflicts and refusing to divide through gossip (Eph 4:29; Matt 18:15-20)
- Attending a community group and developing relationships (Acts 2:42-44)
- Choosing to live a godly lifestyle according to God's word (Philippians 1:27)

### **I commit to share in the responsibility of Real Church by:**

- Serving in at least one ministry in the church (1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:12)
- Praying for its protection and growth (1Thessalonians 1:2; James 5:16)
- Warmly welcoming all who attend (Romans 15:7)

### **I commit to support the vision of Real Church by:**

- Attending faithfully (Hebrews 10:25)
- Sharing my faith and inviting the unchurched to attend (1 Peter 3:15; Luke 14:23)
- Giving consistently and generously according to God's Word (1Cor 16:2; 2Cor 9:6-13)

**We** as a church commit to you that we will remain Authentic and Real. That we will invest your monetary resources wisely. That we will disciple and equip you to become all that God has called you to be. That we will remain outward focused as a church and pursue the lost consistently. That we will invest in reaching the poor and needy, both here in our city, and around the world. We as a church are committed to you. This is your opportunity to make a commitment to God's church.

I am **All In**: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX

### Book List For Further Personal Study

The following books are recommended for further personal study. These recommendations do not mean that we as a church hold to every doctrine that is laid out in these books. To see a full list of biblical doctrines we adhere to please see appendix

These books should be used as references to help learn how to read the Bible in a deeper and more meaningful and intellectual way. There are books that are for beginners as well as the more studied person. The more we read and learn about our faith, the more readily we have an answer for those who ask. The deeper we learn God's Word, the more deeply His Word resides in us and changes us to be who He has called us to be! Enjoy!

A quality study Bible is highly recommended. There are several of these available. A few that we would recommend would be:

The Harper Collins Study Bible: Including Apocryphal Deuterocanonical Books, With Concordance.

Fee, Gordon and Stuart, Douglas. *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1983.

Pearlman, Myer. *Knowing the Doctrines of the Bible*. Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 1937.

Zuck, Roy B. *Rightly Divided: Readings in Biblical Hermeneutics*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1996.

Gorman, Michael J. *Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 2001.

Klein, William W., Blomberg, Dr. Craig L., and Hubbard, Dr. Robert L. *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*. Dallas, London, Vancouver, Melbourne: Word Publishing, 1993.