

Serve @Full Capacity

If Not You – Who?

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Why did God save you?

Jesus Prayed for us (John 17:15-18)

Jesus Commissioned us (Matthew 28:18-20)

Jesus Appointed us (John 15:16)

What stops us from Serving @ Full Capacity ?

Family Paul addresses this in 1 Corinthians 7

Work Learning to be content

We have to create Margin

Whose story is it?

The Point of our lives is to Point to Him

Story of the 12 spies – Numbers 13 and 14

If we do not serve, we will Miss the Blessing (Numbers 14:30-33)

Story of Esther

God's plan will not be Thwarted - if we don't do it, He will rise up someone else
(Esther 4:12-14)

Called for a Purpose

Jeremiah - *"The word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.'"* (Jeremiah 1:4-5)

Paul says – *"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)

Consumer or Contributor?

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If you do not Stand up if we do not Stand up,

He will raise Another Source

If you are not sure how to get started – start with the things that are On God's Heart

The lost, children, widowed, the poor and needy
Serve the body, join a small group

Basin Theology

Reflection:

SHAPE

- S – Spiritual Gifts
- H – Heart
- A – Abilities
- P – Personality
- E – Experiences

Ephesians 2: 1-10

“The idea that the majority of the church no longer embodies an alternative counterculture but rather reflects the attitudes, practices, and beliefs of the world around it has been well documented. Divorce and domestic abuse rates are roughly the same in the church as they are outside it. Studies show the church to be just as racist and materialistic as the rest of American society.” Mike Erre *“Death by Church”*

Gallup and the Barna group found - Only 6% of evangelicals give 10% or more of their income to their church. The average church attendees donate only 2.66% of their income, which is roughly the same percentage as those outside the church who give to charities. Those who are most likely to object to neighbors of another race are white evangelicals. The number of unmarried couples that are living together are higher in places where there are a greater percentage of evangelical Christians than in other places. There are many surveys to be found, but this is just a sampling of what many of us know about ourselves and about our churches.

“Whether the issue is divorce, materialism, sexual promiscuity, racism, physical abuse in marriage, or neglect of a biblical worldview, the polling data point to widespread, blatant disobedience of clear biblical moral demands on the part of people who allegedly are evangelical, born-again Christians.” Ron Sider

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16