

FOLLOWING JESUS IN SERVANTHOOD

The word “servant” occurs fifty-seven times in the New Testament. Sometime it refers to a person who has the official role in a household. But many times it refers to the role we are to assume as Christians. Also, “serve” occurs fifty-eight times in the New Testament. Get the picture? Serving is important in the Bible. Jesus said we must be last of all and servant of all. That doesn’t sound like all of the church members we may know. Many church members demand their preferences, their desires, and the way they’ve always done it. And Jesus said we are to serve. True joy means giving up our rights and preferences and serving everyone else. – *Thom Rainer, I Am A Church Member*



Fully God—fully human, Jesus took on the posture of a servant. He gave His life, even unto death, so others could experience salvation, peace, and restoration. Jesus said, “I am among you as one who serves. . . .”

All those who follow Jesus are called to serve in the same humility. The apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 2:5-8 ...

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Jesus told His disciples and us that whoever wants to be His disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Him (Luke 9:23).

At the core of our old, sin nature is pride and selfishness. It’s our nature to want others to serve us rather than to be servants. As a new creation in Christ, humility, self-denial, and submission to the Lord and others begin to take over our heart and mind. For us this means joyfully submitting to Jesus as Lord, to the leaders He has placed over us, and to one another as we also serve whomever God brings into our lives. We do whatever He leads us to do, whenever He tells us, and wherever He wants us to do it.

At the moment of salvation, every believer receives supernatural spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit for the purpose of glorifying God and building up the body of Christ. In addition to the unity within the body of Christ there is also great diversity. In 1 Corinthians 12 we are reminded that just as our physical bodies have many parts, each with a special function, so too, the church has many members and every part is necessary and needed to work properly for good health.

(Spiritual gift passages ... Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4:11-13, 1 Peter 4:7-11)

What are some of your natural talents?

What are your passions?

Do you know your spiritual gift(s)? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, how has God gifted you?

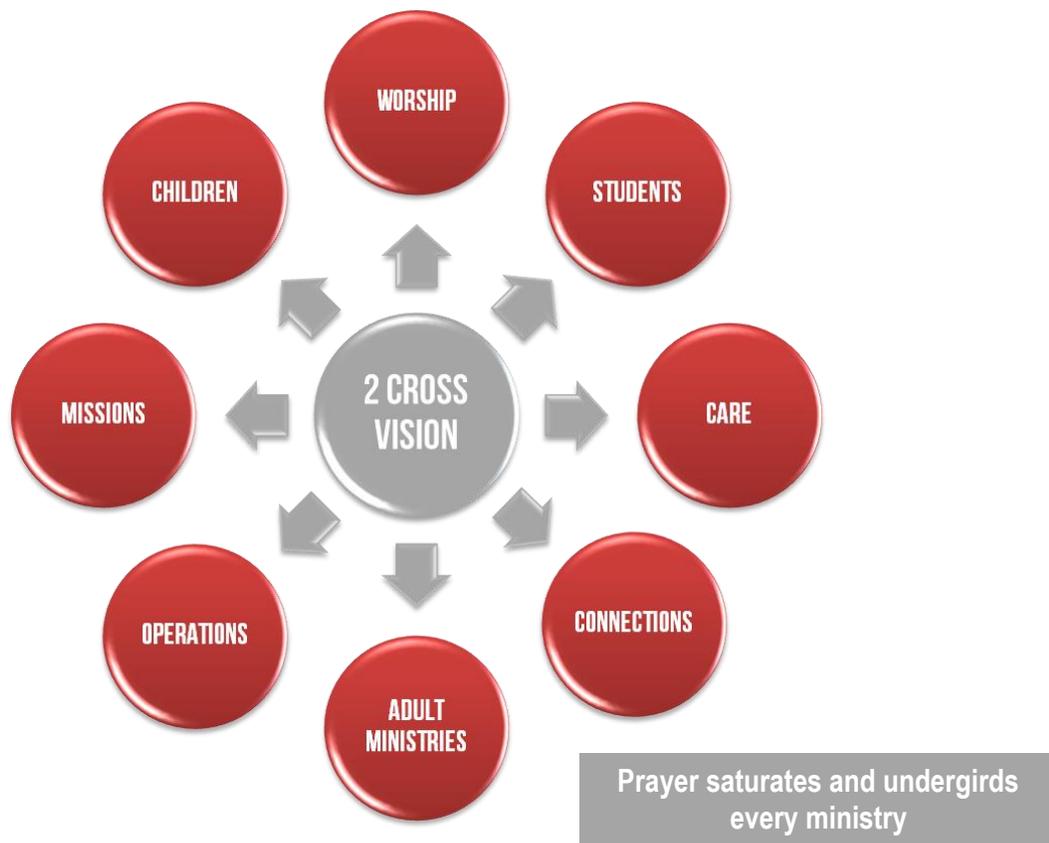
Check your primary gift(s) from the list below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Encouragement | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Wisdom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith | <input type="checkbox"/> Mercy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (share below) |
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To learn more about spiritual gifts, check out 2 books by Bruce Bugbee, *Discover Your Spiritual Gifts the Network Way* and *What You Do Best in the Body of Christ*.

As a member of the body of Christ and this local church, we are each called to a life of surrender, submission and service. What a joy when we serve in our area of passion and giftedness. Consider where God may be calling you to serve within the walls of Calvary, in our local community and even in ways that support ministries reaching “the ends of the earth”.

CALVARY FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY MAP



Where would you like to serve at Calvary Fellowship?

- Kidz JAM (Nursery, Preschool, Elementary, ...)
Contact: Britt Carpenter
- Student Ministries (Middle School, High School, Student Center, ...)
Contact: Pastor John Lawley
- Worship Ministries (Vocalist, Instrumentalists, Production, Technical, Creative Arts, ...)
Contact: Brandon Klinger
- Connection Ministries (Guest Services, Greeters, Ushers, Parking Lot, Coffee Ministry, Meet & Greet, ...)
Contact: Kim Flagg
- Global Outreach (Short term mission trips, support of local and international ministries, etc.)
Contact: Pastor Bill Bateman
- Care Ministries (DivorceCare, GriefShare, Parents of Prodigals, Job Seekers, Celebrate Victory, ...)
Contact: Pastor Bob VanArsdale
- Small Groups (Leading groups, Hosting groups, Shepherding our leaders, ...)
Contact: Pastor Mike Edelman
- Adult Ministries
 - Men (Ken Hunt)
 - Women (Stephanie Rousselle, CF Women's Director)
 - Newlyweds (Bill Stevens and Stan Nagahashi)
 - Ventures (Pastor Bob VanArsdale)
 - Membership Connect (Pastor Mike Edelman)
- Prayer (Prayer Chain, Sunday Morning Team, Encouragement Team, Pastor Prayer Shield, ...)
Contact: Pastor Mike Edelman
- Administration and Finances (Receptionist, Counting Team, Library, ...)
Contact: Debbie Avila/Deb Klein
- Operations (Carpentry, Electrical, Painting, Plumbing, Church Grounds, etc.)
Contact: Marty Klein
- Other area(s) that may not be listed above:

Additional Resources:

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts the Network Way by Bruce Bugbee

What You Do Best in the Body of Christ by Bruce Bugbee

Finding Your PLACE in Ministry by Jay MacSwain

