



## BECOME Class Handout

### God designed you to serve

Ephesians 2:10 (TPT)

*We have become his poetry, a re-created people that will fulfill the destiny he has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. Even before we were born, God planned in advance our destiny and the good works<sup>[b]</sup> we would do to fulfill it!*

Ps. 100:2a, "Serve the Lord with gladness..."

(1 Corinthians 15:10 "by the grace of God I am what I am...")

### Living sacrifices to God

Your walk with God only \_\_\_\_\_ when you accepted Jesus as Lord. God has a transformation in mind for you--a renewal--and purpose for your life. Don't just be born again, discover the unique person God has made you to be and get to fulfilling the purpose for which you're here in this earth. BECOME.

Romans 12:1-2

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

### Be transformed

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From the Greek word translated, "transformed", we get our English word, *metamorphosis*. So "be transformed" means to be changed into a new form, into a new and different person, the God-birthed person you really are.

Ephesians 4:24 Phillips

*"put on the clean fresh clothes of the new life which was made by God's design..."*

### By the renewing of your mind

Personal transformation happens by

- Presenting your body as a living sacrifice to God
- Through the birth of a new life purpose, believing and obeying God, fulfilling His design for your life.
- God's new life purpose for you is to \_\_\_\_\_.

### Adopt a new purpose--to serve.

Philippians 2:1-4

*Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.*



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*Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.*

*<sup>6</sup> Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names*

### The way up is down

Would you be great in the Kingdom of God, in church...in life? Become a servant of all.

Luke 22:24-27 NLT

*Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. <sup>25</sup> Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' <sup>26</sup> But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. <sup>27</sup> Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.*

### We serve

- Our employers and employees
- Our neighbors
- Our friends and our enemies
- Our significant others and our spouses
- Our church family
- Those still outside of Christ

### How long do we serve?

Galatians 5:13 "...*Serve one another in love.*"

- We LOVE ONE ANOTHER \_\_\_\_\_.
- We SERVE ONE ANOTHER \_\_\_\_\_.

### As members of the church we serve several ways

1 Corinthians 12:5 NLT

*There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.*

- All serve \_\_\_\_\_: we all make our general contribution doing whatever to make the family work and move forward.
- We make our \_\_\_\_\_ contribution: we discover our unique "spiritual profile" (our spiritual gifts, personality, personal style) to see how and where we fit in God's work in the church and we take our place in service. (Romans 12:3-8)
- We serve (work, minister) *in* \_\_\_\_\_. It's our system.



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Romans 12: 3-8 (NLT)

*Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.*

### Personal Design Discovery

Just as the design of a tool or a vehicle--screwdriver, drill, truck, car, golf cart--says something about its designer's purpose, so your unique design says something about how God wants you to serve. In other words, your \_\_\_\_\_ gives clues about your \_\_\_\_\_.

Eph 2:10 AMPC

*For we are God's [own] handiwork. (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us, (taking paths which He prepared ahead of time) that we should walk in them—living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live.*

### Discover how you are oriented.

- Task-oriented
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- People-oriented
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

### Discover how you are organized.

- Unstructured
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- Structured
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- Considering how you're oriented and organized as you consider getting involved in an area of ministry, may help you find your best fit for serving.
- Don't let that keep you from serving where the church has needs, though. You may even find you like something by the grace of God more than you ever thought.

### What is easy and/or fulfilling for you?

There is something you were just designed to do and when you do it a couple of things happen:

- It is easy for you. "Anybody can do it." "It's an easy job for the right person."
- It touches people's lives and it's fulfilling to you.



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**Consider your life experiences.** (We want you to use those.)

We believe you've learned some things, and there are some things you've learned that you could contribute to the body of Christ.

- Some of you are good technically—you need to get on a camera, or on a control panel.
- Some of you worked with kids before and really liked it—maybe you need to be involved in children's ministry
- Some of you are administrative—you can figure out how to get more cars in here faster and get them out of here faster.

**Discover your passion. Answer these questions:**

- What makes you laugh?  
○ \_\_\_\_\_
- What makes you cry?  
○ \_\_\_\_\_
- What makes you hot, angry (your heart rate go up, etc.)?  
○ \_\_\_\_\_
- What would make you ask, "why doesn't someone do something about that?"  
○ \_\_\_\_\_
- Ever say, "doesn't anybody see this?" About what?  
○ \_\_\_\_\_
- In what area of church-life or with what people do you want to make a difference?  
○ \_\_\_\_\_

### Get Started

In the kaleidoscope of opportunities to serve others, God has hidden His unique design for *your* life and ministry. As you grow in God, developing and being \_\_\_\_\_ in your serving, God will fine tune your focus--God will be working with you to train and develop you, ever positioning you in your calling. You likely will end up in a role other than that in which you begin--but though your activities may change, your purpose will remain the same.

As you go forward, you will discover more about yourself and your "servant profile:" your current spiritual gifts, and more about your personal style and passion. Don't let the fact that you don't know your full picture keep you from beginning to serve.

You must begin to BECOME the person which God has made you.

### Here's where you can start serving.

(Check your preferences.)

- Music ministry
- Tech (sound/video)
- Children's ministry
- Parking Lot ministry
- Hospitality (coffee service/clean-up/greeting/special events)
- Property Care (outdoor care/indoor/special projects)
- Graphics
- Office help
- Event



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Psalm 84:10 (NLT)

*A single day in your courts  
is better than a thousand anywhere else!  
I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God  
than live the good life in the homes of the wicked.*