

TakeNote

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Saved People Serve People

—Mark 6:30–44

Calvary Community Church Core Value #5

We see a church filled with disciples who utilize their spiritual gifts, abilities, passions, and experience to serve the world and build up the church. Just as Jesus came not to be served but to serve (*Mark 10:45*), we will become a people for whom serving is as natural as breathing.

This will play out in both informal, everyday circumstances as well as in organized ministry programs on our campus, in our community and around the world. For all of us, this begins with understanding our spiritual gifts, heart, passions, and personality, and then leveraging those for the sake of the world. .

Opportunities to serve usually come in busy seasons

Waiting to serve until life is free of challenges results in never serving

Your season of life may change the method of your service but never the mandate to serve

With material poverty, most Christians have compassion

With spiritual poverty, many Christians have contempt

Christian service begins with the recognition that Christ served us first

People are not obstacles

People are the point

Our church's mission is to serve people not send people away

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The two-step formula for spiritual growth

1. Listen to God
2. Do what He says

Insight doesn't cause spiritual growth

Obedience does

Is God pleased with the ways I am currently serving?

God uses His people to accomplish His purposes

God does his greatest work through simple acts of service and faith

**God can and will do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine
through the faithful believer who chooses to serve**