

Mission Mindset Quiet Time Series

April – The Will of the Mission

Week 15: Willing to Serve

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

- God gives each of us different gifts and talents for His purposes. Each one of our talents is unique and special and is needed by the entire church for the working of God's plan.
 - *What are your gifts? In which ways are you able to serve?*
 - *Do you ever struggle with feeling like your gifts aren't enough? If so in what areas do you wish you had a different gift?*
 - *God has given you the talents that you have for a purpose, why has God made you the way you are?*

1 Corinthians 12:12-20

- Although all of our gifts and experiences are different, they are all equally needed for God's church to function properly towards its mission. Each one of us has talents, experiences, backgrounds, or passions that are uniquely crafted by God for us to serve His church, to make his presence known.
- If we are not willing to use our gifts to serve, for whatever reason that may be, the entire church fails to function the way it was designed by God to.
 - *If you choose not to serve, how would that effect the body? What would be missing?*
 - *In what ways does Satan lie to you and say your gifts aren't important?*
 - *How does God feel about the gifts he has given you?*
 - *What makes it difficult for you to serve to your fullest potential?*

1 Corinthians 12:21-27

- We are all equally important, each of our strengths and weaknesses have been designed by God to work together to with others so the world can see Jesus.
- When we come together to use our gifts, talents, passions, and experiences to serve God and each other, the world see's the body of Christ, the tangible, visible image of Jesus is the church.

1 Peter 4:7-11

- The willingness to serve must come from us, but the strength and the gifts to serve come from God.
 - *Why does God's grace motivate us to serve?*
 - *What does it mean to be a steward of the gifts God has given you?*

Application: This week, take time to examine your gifts, experiences, talents, and passions and look for what roles God has specifically crafted you to be able to do for His Kingdom. How can you use those gifts to make God's Church better at fulfilling its purpose?