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# CHECKPOINTS



## Serve

### 1 Peter 4:10-11

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

### Sermon Summary:

Following Jesus means pursuing a relationship with the Savior rather than observing the traditions of religion. While relationships should be natural and organic, healthy ones develop practices that lead to greater depth and intimacy. In this series, five spiritual checkpoints will be identified that can help a follower of Jesus experience fulfillment in their relationship with Jesus.

### Ice Breaker Questions:

1. What are some ways you have served at church?
2. Which ones did you enjoy the most?
3. Is there a particular way that you served that you did not enjoy?

### Scripture Study Questions:

1. According to verse 10, to whom has God given gifts?
2. Why does God give gifts to people?
3. How can serving others be a vehicle for sharing God's grace with others?
4. In your own words, explain the phrase, "as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."
5. To what extent should one's gifts be used?
6. Where does the strength for serving come from?
7. Who should receive the credit when serving others?



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## Application Questions:

1. What is a specific gift God has given you to serve others?
2. How are you currently using your gift to serve others within the church? Your community?
3. Since serving is "progressive," how has your serving matured?
4. Share about a time you served others in your own strength?

The following benefits of serving were identified:

- Serving gives greater purpose to my life
  - Serving gives broader perspective for my life
  - Serving reduces stress in my life
  - Serving guides my life towards intimacy with Jesus
5. Which benefit are you experiencing the most?
  6. Which benefit would you like to experience more?