

Connect: 40 Days of Growing Warmer and Stronger Together
September 24, 2023

1 Peter 4:10-11, NIV – Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. 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.

Connecting Through Serving Others

1. God made me to _____

Ephesians 2:10, NCV – God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.

A minister is...

Philippians 2:5-8, NIV – 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!

Mark 10:42-45, NLT – [Jesus said,] “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Galatians 6:10, NCV – When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it. But we should give special attention to those who are in the family of believers.

Matthew 5:16, NIV – [Jesus said,] “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Church, what do you think GracePoint’s reputation is in our community? What’s your reputation in your workplace? Does our light point others toward Jesus? They should know us by how well you love and serve them.

Philippians 2:3-4, NLT – 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.

2. God made me unique to do _____

Psalm 139:13-14,16, LB – You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it... You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book!

1 John 3:16, NLT – We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Ephesians 4:11-12, NIV – So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...

3. God made me unique to do _____

1 Peter 4:10,11b, NIV – Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. ...If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:1,7, NLT – Now, dear brothers and sisters, regarding your question about the special abilities the Spirit gives us. I don’t want you to misunderstand this... A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

Charismata means...

Galatians 5:13, NLT – For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Philippians 2:1-2, NLT – 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.

Proverbs 11:25, MSG – The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.