

discover your spiritual gifts, personal style,
and God-given passion for serving
in the body of Christ.

A NETWORK MINISTRY RESOURCE

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PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE

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OVER 1 MILLION PEOPLE MOBILIZED FOR MINISTRY

“Imagine a Church ...”

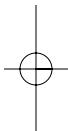
session 1

*My Father is glorified by this, that you bear
much fruit.*

John 15:8 NASB

*These things I have spoken to you so that My joy
may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.*

John 15:11 NASB



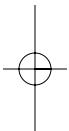
GROUPS: IMAGINE A CHURCH . . .

Directions

1. Get into groups of three.

2. Introduce yourself to the group.

3. Discuss the observations and insights you had from the DVD.

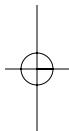


NETWORK'S GOAL

Network's Goal is to help believers to be fruitful and fulfilled in a meaningful place of service.

*You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, **serve one another in love.***

Galatians 5:13

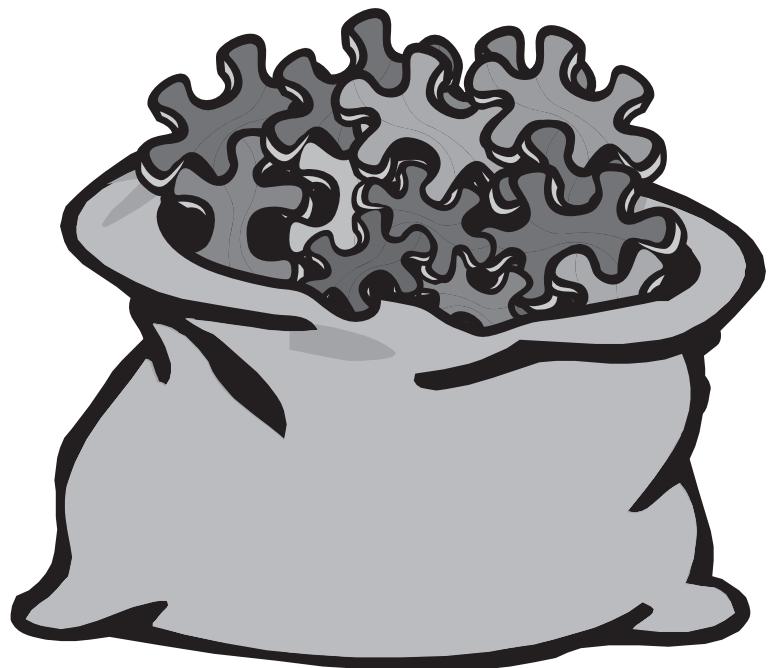
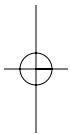


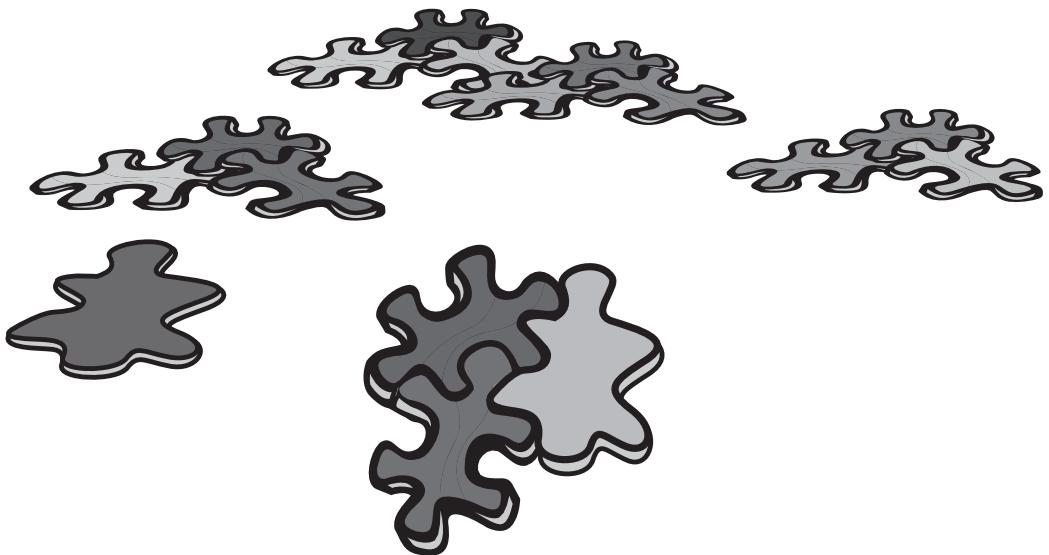
Serving is not optional, it is a matter of

_____.

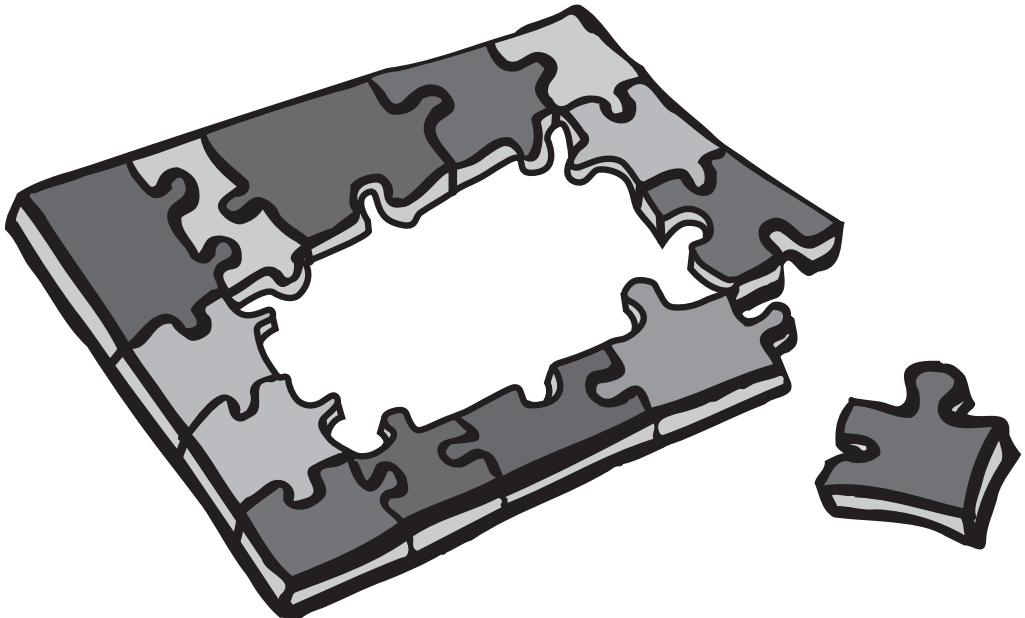
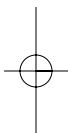
Network will help you better understand

- Who God has made you to be
- When you make your unique contribution, you make a kingdom difference for eternity





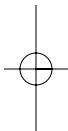
Network takes the pieces you already have and puts them in a framework that helps you see the picture God intended for your life.



THE NETWORK PROCESS

Step One: *Discovery*

You will learn more about your God-given
Servant Profile.



Step Two: *Coaching*

A Coach will assist you in finding a meaningful place of service according to your *Servant Profile.*

Step Three: _____

The goal is meaningful service.

WHY DO WE SERVE ANYWAY?

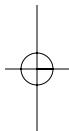
There is a twofold biblical purpose for serving. We are to

- Glorify God
- Edify Others

There are two key passages:

1. The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1–17)

1. Don't have other gods
2. Don't worship idols
3. Don't take God's name in vain
4. Remember the Sabbath



The focus of these four is “_____” and how we are to love him.

5. Honor parents
6. Don't murder
7. Don't commit adultery
8. Don't steal
9. Don't be a false witness
10. Don't covet

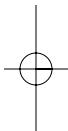
The focus of these six is “_____” and how we are to love them.

2. The Great Commandment (Matthew 22:37–40)

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

In these Old and New Testament passages we see the Bible’s twofold emphasis. We are to

- Love or glorify God
- Love or edify others



Our serving glorifies God because it is a form of worship.

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your **spiritual act of worship**.*

Romans 12:1

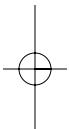
Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:11 NASB

Our serving builds up or edifies others.

*It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare [equip] God's people for works of service, **so that the body of Christ may be built up** [edified].*

Ephesians 4:11–12

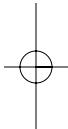


THE MAJOR TEST OF SERVICE

*When we serve, does it glorify God
and edify others?*

HOW WE'RE TO SERVE

THE SERVANT PROFILE		
SPIRITUAL GIFTS indicate:	WHAT you do best	You will be COMPETENT!
PERSONAL STYLE indicates:	HOW you best serve	You will be CONFIDENT!
MINISTRY PASSION indicates:	WHERE you best serve	You will be MOTIVATED!



There are ...

no right or wrong gifts

no right or wrong styles

no right or wrong passions

... they are just different!

You can have ...

any Spiritual Gift, with

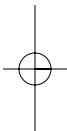
any Personal Style, with

any Ministry Passion!

SERVANT PROFILE: SPIRITUAL GIFTS

There are three truths about all Spiritual Gifts:

1. Spiritual Gifts are God-given.
2. There are no right or wrong Spiritual Gifts. They are just different.
3. Spiritual Gifts answer the “_____” question: What should I do when I serve?



SPIRITUAL GIFTS DESCRIPTION

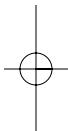
*Spiritual Gifts are special abilities
given by the Holy Spirit and
distributed to every believer
according to God's design and grace
for the common good
of the body of Christ.*

Spiritual Gifts are special abilities.

- They are divine endowments.
- They are used for spiritual purposes.
- They are tasks or functions.
- They enable us to do meaningful service.

To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy . . .

1 Corinthians 12:8–10

***Spiritual Gifts are given by the _____.***

- God gives these gifts to his children.
- Every believer has at least one Spiritual Gift.
- We do not earn them or choose them.
- Without the Holy Spirit, there are no Spiritual Gifts.

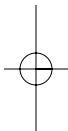
God gives these gifts to his children—to believers. Therefore, unbelievers do not have “Spiritual Gifts.”

Spiritual Gifts are distributed to every believer according to God's design and grace.

- They show us how we can make our unique contribution.
- They reveal a part of God's will for our lives.
- They confirm that every believer has a place of service.
- They are given for power and purpose in our ministry.

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received **to serve others**, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

1 Peter 4:10



Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:7

Spiritual Gifts are for the _____ of the body of Christ.

- My gifts aren't for me, they are to benefit others.
- They are given to build up other believers.
- They help us to serve one another better.
- They empower believers to expand the kingdom of God.

Your Spiritual Gift is not *for* you. It is given *to* you *for* others!

God carefully selected each believer's Spiritual Gift(s).

*Now to **each one** the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

1 Corinthians 12:7

*All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He gives them to **each one**, just as he determines.*

1 Corinthians 12:11

*But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, **every one of them**, just as he wanted them to be.*

1 Corinthians 12:18

Reflection:

UNIQUENESS, UNITY, AND DIVERSITY

Our Spiritual Gifts are given by design and make us unique.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.

Romans 12:6

Diversity is not _____.

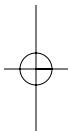
As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” . . . so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

1 Corinthians 12:20–21, 25–26

The diversity of these spiritual manifestations is simply a reflection of who God is.

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.
There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.
There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all {people}.*

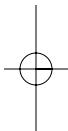
1 Corinthians 12:4–6



Just as diversity was not meant to be division, so unity is not conformity.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

1 Corinthians 12:29–30



If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

1 Corinthians 12:17–20

Unity is not achieved by being alike.

Unity is achieved by having the same _____ to glorify God and to edify others.

INTERDEPENDENCE

SUMMARY

- Network's Goal is to help believers to be fruitful and fulfilled in a meaningful place of service.
- We serve to glorify God and to edify others.
- We are to serve according to our *Servant Profile*.
- The *Servant Profile* identifies our Spiritual Gifts, which answers the “What” question
Personal Style, which answers the “How” question
Ministry Passion, which answers the “Where” question
- Spiritual Gifts are special abilities given by the Holy Spirit and distributed to every believer according to God’s design and grace for the common good of the body of Christ.

RECOMMENDATION: Participants will benefit from reading Bruce Bugbee's *What You Do Best in the Body of Christ* along with these Discovery Sessions. The book includes additional insights, questions, and suggestions for personal reflection.

