



Series: ⑦ *Core Values that drive Hope Community Church*

Core Value No. 7 - ***Serving: Everyone is gifted to serve***

Text: John 13:1-17 (Memory verses: Matthew 20:26)

### **Discussion Questions**

- What was your first ministry/serving opportunity in a church? Were you recruited or did you volunteer? What was that experience like?
- Many have heard of the 80/20 paradigm that says “80% of the work in the church is done by 20% of the people”. IF it is true, why do you think the majority of people don’t serve in any capacity?

### **Application Questions**

1. In what ways has a “serve me” mentality crept into the church?
2. Try and side aside your personal beliefs/experiences regarding serving in the church and read Romans 12:3-8. At face value, what do these verses teach us about the body of Christ and serving?
3. What great quality did David possess that we should all strive to possess too? (1 Samuel 22:14, 1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

4. Which word below best represents your current response to God's call to use your gifts/talents to bless and serve others? (1 Peter 4:8-11) Talk through your responses with the group.

- Faithful (*I seek to use them on a regular basis.*)
- Fearful (*I don't serve out of fear I will fail or do more harm, than good.*)
- Proudful (*I only use them when/if it benefits me. I have the best gifts.*)
- Wasteful (*I don't use them, I have buried them.*)
- Resentful (*I wish I had the gifts/talents that others do.*)

5. Read Matthew 25:21. Sometimes people are reluctant to step out and serve. What advice would you give someone like that?

**Prayer:** Ask the Lord to show you what it means to serve Him with pure motives and from a heart of gratitude.