



MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
WEEK 3 – THE TRAINING GROUND FOR MINISTRY

⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

— Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV)

- **Serving like Jesus is a _____ not a _____**
- **We cannot effectively serve _____ until we faithfully serve _____**

¹Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed...⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

— 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-6 (NIV)

- **Spiritual gifts are the _____ of God's work in us that _____ to those around us**

⁸Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. ⁹Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹If 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.

— 1 Peter 4:8-11 (NIV)

- **Service reminds us of our _____ God and one another**
- **We _____ the gifts of God by _____ the people of God**
- **The ultimate _____ of service is to _____ and _____ to Jesus**

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

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1. How can doing good be exhausting?
2. Why do so many people give up on doing good?
3. What are some ways that we can prevent becoming weary in doing good?
4. How does service in the church prepare us to serve people outside of the church?
5. How do spiritual gifts show God's work in us?
6. Why does God give His people spiritual gifts?
7. How does serving others reveal our need for God and others?
8. What does it mean to be "faithful stewards of God's grace" by using our spiritual gifts to serve others?
9. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts and service?
10. What are some ways that you can serve God's family through the local church?
11. In what ways does the church exist as a training ground for serving those who are not-yet believers in Jesus?