

New Creation Church

Small Group Guide

Week of Oct 4, 2026

This Is How We Live | SERVE

Key Takeaways

- Every believer has received grace. No one in the body of Christ is without a gift to offer (Romans 12:3-6, Ephesians 4:7, 1 Peter 4:9-11).
- Our gifts are not simply natural talents. They are supernatural enablements given by Christ, and we are called to minister them by relying on His ability, not our own strength.
- We are created for good works. Ephesians 2:10 describes believers as God's masterpieces, created in Christ Jesus for good works that He prepared in advance.
- Serving begins with what is in your hands. Do not wait for an ideal opportunity. Use what is available to you today.
- Do not disqualify yourself. Age, circumstances, past failures, or feelings of inadequacy are not reasons to hold back. God qualifies those He calls.
- When we serve others, we serve Jesus. Drawing from Matthew 25:40, what we do for others we do for Him.
- Jesus modeled servanthood. He did not wait for the cross to begin serving. His entire earthly life was marked by teaching, healing, washing feet, and caring for people. We follow that example.

Discussion Questions

1. The sermon draws a distinction between relying on natural talent or expertise versus relying on the ability that God supplies — how can that distinction practically change the way we approach serving?
2. 1 Peter 4:10 describes believers as stewards of the grace they have received. What does it mean to you personally to be a steward of something rather than simply an owner of it? How does that framing change how you think about your gifts?
3. Jesus washed feet, obeyed His parents, and served in synagogues long before He went to the cross — what does His example of humble, everyday service reveal about how God values the ordinary acts of serving others?
4. The message included, "God is not asking for your perfection. He is asking for your availability." How does that statement challenge or encourage us?

Practical Applications

- Is there an area where you have been waiting for the "right" role, the "right" time, or the "right" level of confidence before stepping in to serve? What would it look like to start where you are, with what you have, this week?
- If you are interested in serving on a volunteer team at New Creation Church, reach out to your group leader or visit newcreationchurch.ca to explore opportunities and take a next step.
- If you are already serving, examine your heart this week. Are you relying on God's ability or your own strength? Ask Him to renew your dependence on Him in that area.

Prayer Focus

- Thank God for the specific grace He has placed in each person in your group.
- Ask for eyes to see needs around you and a willing heart to meet them.
- Pray for humility to serve without comparison, and for the courage to step out even when you feel unqualified.
- Ask God to be glorified through the service of every person in your group, just as 1 Peter 4:11 describes.

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

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