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Translated // Week 3 Serving

Translated: God doesn't need my help

You are uniquely made to help people connect with God

We exist to see a city connected with God

We are Saved People who Serve People

We believe that every person is uniquely gifted to serve a greater purpose. The local church is the hope of the world, and we are all strategically a part of it, using our talents and time to serve and save the world. (Mat 5:14, John 15:13, 1 Pet 4:10-11)

What is great?

Mark 10:41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. **42** Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. **43** Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to **become great among you must be your servant**, **44** and whoever wants to **be first must be slave of all**. **45** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." ***New International Version***

"God is asking us to take off our bib and put on our apron"

1 Peter 5:5 "...And all of you must put on the **apron of humility**, to **serve one another**; for the scripture says, "God resists the proud, but shows favor to the humble." ***Good News Translation***

Babies wear bibs -- adults wear aprons

God planned your spiritual purpose before you were born

Psalms 139: 15 You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion! ***16*** 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!** *Living Bible*

Jeremiah 1:4 The LORD gave me this message: ***5*** “I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. **Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you** as my prophet to the nations.” *New Living Translation-SE*

Romans 12:1 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. ***2*** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to **test and approve** what God’s will is—his **good, pleasing and perfect will**. *New International Version*

Understanding the levels of God’s will

Good... [Greek – good]
Pleasing... [Greek - fully agreeable]
Perfect... [Greek – that which has reached its full end]

Some of the human body’s most important parts

1. Lungs Bring in oxygen release carbon dioxide
2. Heart Pumps life giving blood throughout the body
&
Blood Transports nutrients absorbed in digestive tract to all body cells; brings toxins to the liver and kidneys
3. Liver Cleanses our blood and breaks down toxins like alcohol and Tylenol (acetaminophen) and other medications
4. Kidneys Processes and eliminates toxins through the bladder

You have a part to play

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. *New International Version*

Ephesians 4:16 He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. **As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow**, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. *New Living Translation-SE*

The message doesn't begin on the stage – it begins in the parking lot.