



Discussion Questions

Sermon title: "People of the Towel: Shaped to Serve God"

Scripture: Ephesians 2:10

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Don't feel pressured to cover every single question. Feel free to disagree with and discuss any statement on the "Let's Review" Section.

Let's Talk

- If you could have a conversation with anyone in the world or in history, who would it be?

Let's Review

- Sermon scriptures: [Job 10:8] - [Psl. 100:2] - [Prvb. 3:28] - [Eccl. 11:4] - [Mt. 6:1, 20:28-32] - [Lk. 16:13] - [Jn. 11:41-42, 17:4] - [Rom. 14:4] - [1 Cor. 15:58] - [Eph. 2:10] - [Phi. 2:4] - [2 Tim. 1:9] - [1 Pt. 4:10]
- God uses 5 tools to shape you: **S**piritual Gifts, **H**earth, **A**bilities, **P**ersonality, & **E**xperience
- God shaped you as ministers! We all need to work together to meet others' needs

Let's Dig

- What do you think our culture/the world thinks about servants? Why?
- What do you think about being a servant? Why?
- If God created us to be servants like Christ, why would He do that?
- Read 1 Peter 2:4-10 and talk about Church ministry.
 - a. What does it take to be part of the "priesthood of believers"?
 - b. What was the job of an Israelite priest?
 - c. If you are one of God's priests/ministers, what does that mean for your involvement in Church?
 - d. What is one way you can grow into your role as priest/ minister/ servant?
- Read John 15:5-8 and then 1 Thess. 5:12-24 and talk about being "available" as a servant.
 - a. Who actually does all the work laid out in 1 Thess. 5:12-23?
 - b. So, what is our involvement in the process of serving?
 - c. How can this help someone wrestling with self-centeredness, perfectionism, and/or materialism?
- Read 2 Cor. 9:6-14 and talk about motivations for serving
 - a. What does it mean to be a cheerful giver? And why does God desire that temperament from us?
 - b. What should we do if we lose our gratitude or start complaining?
 - c. How does serving and generosity advance the Kingdom of God?

Let's Act

- Have everyone brainstorm and share two or three creative ways they can make service a bigger part of their lives.

