



**Leaders Note**

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

*Mark 10:45*

God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits.

*1 Corinthians 12:6ff*

**Shaped for Service**

You were put on earth to make a contribution. You weren't created just to consume resources — to eat, breathe, and take up space. God designed you to make a difference with your life. While many best-selling books offer advice on how to get the most out of life, that's not the reason God made you. You were created to add to life on earth, not just to take from it. God wants you to give something back. You were shaped to serve. God formed every creature on this planet with a special area of expertise. Some animals run, some hop, some swim, some burrow, and some fly. Each has a particular role to play, based on the way they were shaped by God. The same is true with humans. Each of us was uniquely designed or "shaped" to do certain things. We are only fully alive when we're helping others. Jesus said, "If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live." This truth is so important that it is repeated five times in the Gospels. If you aren't serving, you're just existing, because life is meant for ministry. God wants you to serve and love others unselfishly. (Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*)



## Learning Session

Read Luke 22:24-27

“Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?’”

[Martin Luther King, Jr. quote](#)

Split the guys into smaller discussion groups and get them to address the following:

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- When does someone get to the point when they are above serving and it's time to start serving less and to be served more?
- Where is God asking you to serve in the Vineyard?

Gather together for feedback, and highlight the following points:

- To serve in God's church is a privilege and an honour, we should do it wholeheartedly and with gratitude.
- It is good to let others serve you. Just let them know you are grateful.
- We are never above serving, it's a trick question.
- Challenge the guys to ask God where they need to serve and challenge them to do it.

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