

We R the Church Series
“We R Contributors”

We R spiritual contributors,
We R not spiritual consumers.

So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging Jesus, “Rabbi, eat something.”

But Jesus replied, “I have a kind of food you know nothing about.”

“Did someone bring him food while we were gone?” the disciples asked each other.

Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.

John 4:30-34 (NLT)

Your Gifts for God’s church:

- **God calls us to serve IN his church.**

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

1 Peter 4:9-11 (NLT)

We don't GO to church,
We are THE church.

- **God calls us to serve AS his church.**

“You are the light of the world - like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God’s great blessing was upon them all. There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

Acts 4:33-35 (NLT)

The church does not exist for us.

We R the church and we exist for the world.

SO WHAT?

You know the saying, ‘Four months between planting and harvest.’ But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike!

John 4:35-36 (NLT)

Notes

Growth Group Questions

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Hold the lettuce, light mayo, double shot espresso, extra foam. What do you like to “have it your way”?

2. What are some places you expect to be a consumer?

What are some places you expect to have to be a contributor?

3. How do you move from consumer to contributor when it comes to God’s church?

4. Who are some people at our church you have noticed are big-time spiritual contributors?

5. Re-read Romans 12:6-8 & 1 Peter 4:9-11. What gift listed is one you may have and can share with Gods family?

How can you put that gift into action?

6. Re-read Matthew 5:14-16. How can your group shine the light of Jesus this Holiday season so that others will see Jesus?

7. What new way can you contribute to Gods church that will help us “be the church” and “exist for the world”?