

## 5 Functions of the Church

## Serving

Anything we need to pick up from the past few weeks?

1) What are the positive or negative thoughts go through your head when you see someone in need.

2) Why do you think it is sometimes easy for us to “walk by” and ignore a need that is right in front of us?

3) To be a servant you must move against your fears. What personal fears keep you from serving others or even meeting needs in your church family?

4) We live in either Scarcity or Abundance but it is often easier to think about what we don't have than what we do have. When hit with a troubling situation what do you typically go to – scarcity or abundance?

5) How does it feel when you realize your abundance is someone else's scarcity?

6) John the Baptist taught his disciples to give from their abundance to meet someone's scarcity. We tend to think of that in material ways. What non-material things/attributes might someone have in abundance that others would need?

7) In Exodus 4:2 God asked Moses “What is that in your hand?” Take a minute to assess some of your gifts and talents, your personality, training or perspectives. Write them down! Briefly share them with each other. Better yet, don't talk about yourself (we underrate our own gifts) affirm one another in their giftedness.

8) Coach each other in possible areas of ministry where your collective gifts would be effective.

9) Begin making a list of projects or ministries in which you could serve or start.

Pray for yourself and each other as you give thanks for the opportunity to serve Christ and the Kingdom.