

Why Are We Here?

Part 4: To Serve

Acts 2:42-47

STBC Mission Statement: Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church is a multi-ethnic community connecting people to Christ by loving, growing, **servicing**, and sharing.

Servicing = meeting people's **needs**.

So how do we get started servicing others?

1. To Serve, I Must Be Available.

Jesus said, “*Your attitude must be like My Own, for I did not come to be served, but to serve ...*”
20:28 (LB)

Matthew

➤ We should change our attitude from being a **consumer** to being a **contributor**.

Spiritual Gifts: the supernatural gift you were given when you became a Christian

Heart: about what are you passionate? Children? Elderly? Evangelism?

Abilities: what natural talents and abilities do you have? Construction? Gardening? Making coffee?

Personality: are you introverted or extroverted? A good talker or a good listener?

Experiences: how can I use my past to unlock my present potential?

II. To Serve, I Must Be Thankful.

²*Serve the Lord with gladness.*
(KJV)

Psalm 100:2

➤ We don't serve God out a sense of **duty**, but a sense of **delight**.

➤ No matter who you are, no matter how great or how small you think your talents and abilities are, God can still use you in **great ways** for His **glory**.

III. To Serve, I Must Be Faithful.

²*The one thing required of servants is that they be faithful...*

1 Corinthians 4:2 (TEV)

➤ The best use of life is not to waste it on the temporal, but to **invest** it in the eternal because that pays dividends **forever**.

“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things so; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!”

Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

