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One of the greatest joys in following Jesus is serving Him and others with the gifts and resources He gives us. Being part of what God is doing in building the body of Christ is an awesome thing! But how do we work out our part, and how and why do we do it? The bible gives a lot of help for us in this.

**Read Romans 12:3-8.**

*See also 1 Peter 4:7-11; 1 Corinthians 12.*

## Context

1. What does Paul give as the “why” (v1a) and “how” (v1b-2) as he leads into the idea of serving?
2. Giving ourselves up as living sacrifices will mean letting go of other things. What does the temptation to be “*conformed to this world*” look like for you in your situation? What is Paul’s solution to this (v2)?

## Observation

3. *Think of yourself with sober judgment* (v3). What factors should we think about when considering serving in a ministry?
4. Look at the words that are used to describe how we use our gifts (v6-8): faith, generosity, zeal, cheerfulness. Discuss the difference these things make in serving in a ministry.

## Meaning

5. What is the purpose of serving in a ministry? (1 Corinthians 12:7; Ephesians 4:11-16)
6. There are lots of different spheres of service in the New Testament lists (See passages above). What do you think are your gifting/s?

## Application

7. **Encouraging one another in using our gifts to serve:** Pray and think about the people in your Life Group. Write down for each one of them (on a separate piece of paper): Their name; their gifts (what gifts/abilities you believe they have to help build up the body); A brief prayer for them. Give this to them at Life Group.
  
8. **Share with one another** what areas of ministry you are currently serving in, or plan to serve in. How is what you're doing helping build the body (helping people to know Christ, grow in him, and proclaim him)? How could you grow in serving God and his people? How would you like others to pray for you in this?