

THE Word For The Week

1 Peter 4:10; Phil. 2:4
Serving One Another
February 8-12, 2010

Monday – 1 Peter 4:10

- When each of us is born again we receive three things: God's Grace through salvation, the Holy Spirit to live and dwell in us, and a Spiritual Gift.
- Have you ever taken a Spiritual Gifts test? (for further reading: Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-10)
- If not then go directly to the next line. If you have then how are you regularly using your gifts to build up the body of Christ?
- Challenge yourself to visit the Discovery Center next weekend and pick up a Spiritual Gifts Assessment. Also, pick up a information on different areas of ministry that match your spiritual gifts.
- By discovering how God uniquely gifted you to minister, you can begin to understand who you are in Christ and where you can most effectively give of your time and energy.

Tuesday – 1 Peter 4:10

- What does the apostle Peter tell us that we should do with our spiritual gifts?
- Why should we serve one another? What was Christ's example? (Read Mark 10:43-45)
- Matthew 22:39-40 tells us that serving one another literally holds together the words and commandments of the scripture. It follows Christ's example and it puts into play God's perfect plan of proclaiming his name through love.
- How are you doing at serving your brothers and sisters in Christ? Are you involved in an ABF and are you actively serving in a position? Make a commitment to serve today and meet with your ABF Coordinator.

Wednesday – 1 Peter 4:10

- What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? Is it to glorify the individual with the gift? Or is it to glorify God, proclaim his wisdom above all created things, and pronounce with certainty that our God is in complete control of all things at all times?
- Ephesians 3:10 tells us that the church doesn't just have an earthly mission but also a cosmic mission. That mission is to make the earth but also the expanse of heaven and the depths of hell shake with the awesome power of God's perfect plan of redemption.
- Have you realized the importance of your role in this war and taken your place of service in the church?
- Memorize 1 Peter 4:10 today and never forget that you are integral in God's plan.

Thursday – *Philippians 2:4*

- Question: Who benefits from acts of service? Answer: Everyone
- God receives the glory and those we serve get their needs meet. What do we get?
- Matthew 13:44 tells of a man who gave away everything to serve the Lord. In return the man received the ultimate JOY in taking part in God's cosmic plan.
- Do you have that joy in your life? Serve the needs of someone you know in your ABF today, anonymously!! See what kind of joy God gives you.

Friday – *Philippians 2:4*

- What attitude should we have when we serve others?
- Verse 4 is the last in a small passage about humility. The members of the church were serving one another but with the wrong attitude and for the wrong reasons. Read verses 1-4.
- Write down the words that describe the proper attitude of a servant of the Lord.
- Pray these verses over you life today. Portray this attitude to everyone you see today.