

**Message Study Guide**

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

**Warming up**

1. What motivates you?

**Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. According to Mark 10:45, what was the purpose of Jesus?
3. Please read 1 Corinthians 12. Read it in portions, and talk about it as you read it. Take your time. What is the will of God for those He saves and redeems?
4. What are your thoughts about following Bill Hybel's quotes?
  - a. "When people extend themselves beyond their own concerns, their hearts always change. The compassion of God enters our hearts when we make ourselves available for service."
  - b. What would the church look like if the church looked like this vision, "Imagine a community in which every member takes his or her priesthood as seriously as did the priests of the Old Testament."- Bill Hybels, Volunteer Revolution.
5. Pastor Ruben said, "When a "Christian" chooses not to serve for an extended period of time, eventually they become passive observers and their gifts and talents will atrophy from disuse. Eventually, the burden to serve will fade away, and a critical spirit will rise up within." What are your thoughts?
6. Francis Chan said, "Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter." As you evaluate your life, are you pouring yourself in things that will matter in eternity? What are they?

7. According to 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, what's most important about serving others?
8. Are you deploying your very best for the local church of Christ? Why or why not?
9. Would you make a commitment to serve today? What's your next step?

### **Application**

**Below are some key points to take away from this study. Take time to discuss the points and pray together:**

- God has strategically placed you in this church for a greater purpose than yourself!
- You NEED to **ACTIVELY** pursue opportunities to allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through your life, otherwise, what is the point?
- Some people believe good intentions are good enough BUT **intentions are EMPTY without actions**. Intentions don't build God's Church!
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- A God-honoring church can't possibly be built with a congregation of consumers.  
(paraphrased from Bill Hybels)