



Life Group Discussion Questions

Discovering My Skills for Ministry - Selected Scriptures

Theme: God wants to use our skills for the benefit of others!

All of us want a reason to get out of bed in the morning. We all want our lives to count for something significant and feel like we're making a contribution. As believers, we have the privilege of fulfilling the purpose for which God made us by serving on the most amazing team on the planet: the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27; Eph. 2:10). Christians are teammates. We serve our Head Coach and Lord by serving others. As such, it is God's desire that we learn the position that He wants us to play for the good of the team. What we're learning in this series is this: our primary area of service (our position) is determined by my D.E.S.I.G.N.

Desires + Experiences + Skills + Individuality + Gifts = Niche (our position)

In this session, we come to the third of these factors: how God has given us skills (natural or developed talents and abilities) that help define the position we're to play on His team (see Exodus 31:1-5).

Gathering Together »

Write your name with your dominant hand and then write it with your opposite hand. Would you want to write with the less-skilled hand all of the time? Why or why not?

Growing Together »

1. **Read Exodus 35:30—36:7.** What strikes you about this scripture? How did God employ the nation of Israel to build his Tabernacle?
2. How do you think these passages from Exodus compare and connect with 1 Corinthians 12:27?
3. How do you think our church reflects 1 Corinthians 12:27?

Getting Real with One Another »

Reference your "Discovering Your Skills" Personal Exercise tool.

1. Talk about your top five (5) skills. Give an example of how you could (or have) use one or more of these skills within the Body of Christ at Christ Community Church. Who is it that benefits from *your* skills?
2. If employed, are you able to use any of your top five skills in your employment/career? Why or why not? If retired, how are you using your skills to help others? If your focus is your family, which skill do you most enjoy using?
3. What is one ability you have that no one knows about?
4. What is one skill that you would like to further develop? Why?
5. What would it mean and what would it take for you to "dedicate" your skills to God?

Group Prayer Time »

In addition to praying for the personal needs of group members, take time to pray that each person would come to understand his/her DESIGN and be willing to serve.

