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Praxis: Serving

We are always leaning into people at Grace to serve because we need to **accomplish the mission** God has for us to do together and to **put to death our own selfish desires**.

- *What are both **right** and **wrong** motivations for serving within the local church?*

Read Ephesians 4:11-16 together as a group, rereading verse 16 for added emphasis.

- *What was to be the result of God’s gifts given in verse 11?*

Vocation can be defined as God’s work completed through human beings; with our lives full of many different areas of vocation both what we earn a wage with, how we pursue our passions, and how we fulfill the callings upon our lives.

- *What is the goal of every vocation we participate in?*
- *What vocations are we placed by God into?*
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- *What vocations are we called, or compelled, by God into?*

All work is God’s work and all work carries dignity. Doing God’s work extends the order, the goodness, and the grace of God to the world.

- *In what ways does all work bring dignity?*
- *How can seeking God’s work, actually take you away from seeking Grace and forgiveness?*

Jesus advocated for a radical way of living where His people would lay down their own preferences, their own authority and position, and ultimately their own lives for others.

- *In what ways do you often exert power in an attempt to control your life?*
- *How does serving others within the local church help bring freedom to your life?*

***Is there an area of Grace that you’d feel comfortable serving in?
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