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1 Peter 4:10-11
10 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 11 Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.
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• What is serving God?
Why should we serve?

• To serve each other
  – (Matthew 20:28)
• For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."
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• To bring Glory to God  
  – (James 2:14-18)
What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?
• 17 So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

• 18 Now someone may argue, “Some people have faith; others have good deeds.” But I say, “How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.”
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  – (2 Corinthians 5:9-10) (Revelation 3:15-16)
9 So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him. 10 For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.
15 “I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! 16 But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!
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• There are blessings.
38 Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.
4 Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else.
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- To advance the Kingdom of God.
  – (Matthew 9:36-38)
36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. 38 So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”
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• We draw closer to God.
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• We make connections with others.
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• Serving enhances our church experience.
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• Jump in, get involved, and let God take care of the rest.
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Summary

• God calls us to serve Him and His church
• We can find purpose in our lives by serving God.
• We can draw closer to God through serving God.
I will seek new opportunities to serve God in church this year.