**Small Group Discussion Guide**

Focus: Week 4 – Excellence/Serving

Opening Discussion: Have you ever done a spiritual gift assessment? If so, what spiritual gifts do you have?

**Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Do you think that there are more spiritual gifts than listed here (and other places in scripture) or that the lists of spiritual gifts in the bible are the only one’s God gives out. Why or why not?

What spiritual gift are you least familiar with? Which one would you want to learn more about?

**Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-22**

Consider doing this group exercise. Take a rather obscure, often unseen job in the church (i.e. running keynote). Discuss as a group why that role is essential to the church and how it helps further our mission.

Think about it like this: if you were to cast vision for someone interested in serving in that role, what would you say? How would you explain it’s importance?

Do you find it easy to find value in different roles in the church or do you find it difficult to see their value?

Have you ever served in a role that you questioned whether it was of any real value? Why did you question it?

Serving can involve rudimentary things and rather significant things. Within a 24 hour period, Jesus both died for our sins (a rather significant way to serve humanity) and washed his disciples feet. One ended with the salvation of humanity, and the other ended with clean feet, in the grand scope, not that significant. We serve in this way too: sometimes we might witness someone come to Christ, other times, we’re just setting up chairs and no one even notices.

In your experience serving, how do you find value in the times serving where we aren’t seeing significant, life-changing results? Why is this kind of service still important?

What do you think it means to bring God your “first fruits” or bringing your best when serving, even in more rudimentary things?