



# MISSION CITY

## BIBLE CHURCH

**DATE:** Sunday, May 8, 2022

**TITLE:** Abiding Through Service

**SERIES:** Abide: Pursuing the Presence and Power of God for My Life

**PASSAGE:** Romans 12:3-8

**BIG IDEA:** God has given every believer different gifts for doing certain things well so we can serve the body of Christ.

How do we maximize the spiritual discipline of serving?

**Three instructions for serving well:**

**1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in how you think about \_\_\_\_\_ (v3)**

A. Guard against \_\_\_\_\_ (v3b)

B. Think \_\_\_\_\_ (v3c)

C. Remember what \_\_\_\_\_ has done (v3d)

**2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in how you think about \_\_\_\_\_ (v4-5)**

A. We need \_\_\_\_\_ in the church (v4)

B. We need \_\_\_\_\_ in the church (v5a)

C. We need \_\_\_\_\_ in the church (v5b)

**3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in how you serve \_\_\_\_\_ (v6-8)**



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**DISCUSSION:**

1. The big idea of the sermon is “God has given every believer different gifts for doing certain things well so we can serve in the body of Christ.”
  - a. Where do you serve in the local church body at Mission City Bible Church?
  - b. What are some of the benefits that you have experienced in serving?
  
2. Read Romans 12:3, 12:16, and Philippians 2:3-8. From these passages:
  - a. How should we be thinking of ourselves?
  - b. How should we be thinking of others?
  - c. Do you think this way?
  
3. Read Romans 12:4-5, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, and Ephesians 4:11-16. What do you learn about the body in Christ?
  
4. Read Romans 12:6-7, 1 Peter 4:10-11, and 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, 7:7. What do you learn about gifts?
  
5. Do you recognize that you are an important part of this body and have been given gifts to serve this body?
  
6. Do you know what gifts have you been given as a part of the body in Christ?
  
7. Are you using your gifts to serve the church body?
  
8. Is there an area in the church that you can serve in that might reveal your gifts?

**PRAYER POINTS** (based on Romans 12:3-8):

**THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD:**

- God gives grace that saves and equips for service (v3)
- God gives faith for us to believe in Christ and to serve him according to his gifting in our lives (v3)
- God is the Maker of one body with many members (v4)
- Through his finished work, Jesus has brought us together in one body (v5)
- God is the author of all the different gifts and how they are used (v6-8)

**REVERENCE:**

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- God, thank you for your grace in my life that has enabled me to . . .
- Lord, we see your glory in the body of Christ when . . .

**RESPONSE:**

- Lord, I confess that sometimes I depend too much on my own strength and not enough on your grace when I . . .
- Father, I admit that sometimes I want to be served instead of serving others because . . .

**REQUEST:**

- God, help me to surrender myself to you (see Romans 12:1-2) so that I can serve others by . . .
- Lord help us, as a church, to see how much we need each other especially when . . .
- Lord, we pray for more people to see the value of the body by joining a small group

**READINESS:**

- Lord, when I'm tempted to distance myself from the rest of the body of Christ, help me to . . .
- Lord, when I doubt that you're using me to serve others, help me to believe that ...
- Father, we will trust in you for the strength to persevere in service even when . . .