

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

SERIES: A NEW WAY TO LIVE

#4 A New Way to Serve

What one thought encouraged you the most from this message? Why?

Key Passages: 1 Peter 4:10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:7-16

TRUTHS TO DISCUSS

1. Jesus has given every believer the stewardship of serving others.

- Discuss: What is a steward?
- Why has Jesus made every believer a steward?
- Read 1 Peter 4:10 What does this say every believer is to do? Why?
- Discuss: What are some of the ways you think Jesus has gifted/empowered you to serve others? Give an example.

2. Believers are interconnected & interdependent in the body of Christ.

- What does 1 Cor. 12:12-13 say is true of every believer? How have you experienced being interconnected & interdependent with other believers?
- Read 1 Cor. 12:14-26 What points are Paul making? Why are they important?
- Read 1 Cor. 12:27-31 What gifts does Paul mention?
- Read Eph. 4:1-16 What is the purpose believers are united in Jesus in His church? In what sense are the gifts mentioned in verses 11-12 equipping gifts?

3. Serving others is the 'resource engine' for our church.

- What is a spiritual gift? In what sense is it a 'spiritual' not just a natural gift?
- What is your spiritual gift(s)? How do you know?
- How have you used your spiritual gift(s) to serve others?
- If someone asked you, 'How do I discern what my spiritual gifts are?'--what would you say?

4. Serving others generates spiritual growth & protects against false teaching.

- What does Eph. 4:13-15 say is the result of spiritual gifts being used?
- Rockpoint is seeking to become a 'healthy church.' What do you think are some characteristics of a healthy church? Why?

Which of these truths do you need to apply today? Why?