



## **Mamlaka Hill Chapel-Ruaka**

*"Empowered to Transform Lives, Society and the World"*  
R.E.A.L Group Study for the Week of 12<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017  
**SERMON SERIES: CHURCH LIFE**  
***WHY WE SERVE***

### **ICEBREAKER:**

Share with the group about a time that you gave someone a gift but they never used it. How did that make you feel?

*Read 1 Peter 4:10, 11*

Service is a crucial element of the life of the church. Service here is defined as the opposite of spectating. The text above gives us five reasons why we should serve.

#### **1. We serve in obedience to God's commands**

- The mood of this biblical text is imperative i.e. commanding us to serve. How does this change our view of service in church? What are some of the factors that make us feel that serving is a matter of convenience rather than one of obedience?

#### **2. We serve in respect to God's gifts (v10a)**

- Every Christian has at least one spiritual gift. Do you know which gift you possess? What are some factors that keep us from discovering our gifts?
- How can you as a group encourage each other to discover and use your gifts?

#### **3. We serve for the benefit of God's people**

- Share with the group one way in which people's gifts at MHC-Ruaka have benefited you.
- How do you think the church could specifically benefit through the gift(s) that you have?
- In 1 Cor 12:7 a used gift is equated to the manifestation of The Holy Spirit Himself. How should this reality make us view the importance of using our gifts?

#### **4. We serve for the sake of accountability as God's stewards**

- What effect does knowing that one day we will be expected to account for our use of spiritual gifts have on how we use them?

#### **5. We serve to the glory of God through Christ**

- In what specific way do you think your gift can be used to glorify God?

#### **Prayer and application:**

1. Attached is a copy of spiritual gifts test. If time allows, the group could do the test together. Share your results and let those group affirm and pray for each other concerning the various gifts.
2. Share with your group the specific way in which you are currently using your gift. If you are not using it, commit to a specific ministry and ask the members to keep you accountable.

#### **Scripture:**

##### **1 Pet 4:10-11**

<sup>10</sup> As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

##### **Romans 12:1**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service

##### **1 Cor 12:7**

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: