



Rhythms

Part 4 – Your Serve

Discussion Guide

God's church is God's plan. You are a specifically needed member of the family of God! Not only as an individual, but as a part of the body, you have distinct gifts and abilities, and you have a specific purpose. With you serving as you are gifted, the "whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Ephesians 4:16b (NLT)

What you will need: A Bible or your Bible app, a notebook, pen, and highlighter. The verses highlighted below are linked so that you can easily access them during your study time.

Jump Start

1. Name one good and one bad habit you have.
2. **Read [1 Corinthians 3:1-3](#)**. What do you assume is the "milk" of the Gospel? What is the solid food? What is one indication (from this passage) that believers are not yet ready for more? What do you think you are: "infant" or "growing towards maturity"? (Notice, "perfect" is not a prerequisite!)
3. *The Church is a training ground.* **Read [1 Peter 4:10](#) and [Ephesians 4:16](#)**. What does God expect from each of us, according to Peter? Who is responsible for having the right gifts in the right place? How does that benefit us all?
4. **Read [1 Corinthians 3:8-9](#) and [Acts 1:8](#)**. We are in a relationship with God. What is your job title? Do you take that seriously? Why or why not? What one tool does God promise He will provide? What other tools do you need? For a simple, clear way to present the Gospel, check out [this video](#), taught by Will Kranz!
5. **Final Thought:** Share your serving experience. If you are not serving, share your fears, concerns, or other obstacles.

Deeper

The Feast of Weeks comes seven weeks after Passover, 50 days later, so it is called Pentecost in the New Testament. It was to be a first fruit offering of the wheat (as opposed to the first fruits of the barley in the Feast of First Fruits). This Feast is one of the three times the Jews were required to come into Jerusalem and gather at the temple. The timing of this Feast, as it coincides with the life of Christ is also important.

- Jesus was slain the day before Passover, just as the Passover lambs were being slaughtered.
- The Feast of First Fruits or the Wave Sheaf offering takes place the day after Passover. It is the day that we celebrate as Resurrection Sunday or Easter.

- Jesus appeared to His followers for 40 days and then ascended to His Father, promising that the Spirit would be given.
6. **Read [Acts 1:4-5, 8, 2:1-4](#).**
 - a. Why were the disciples in Jerusalem?
 - b. What were they waiting for?
 - c. What tangible thing happened on Pentecost? What intangible thing?
 7. **Read [Acts 2:5-12](#).** How is this related to the Feast of Weeks? Can you imagine this was a coincidence or was it part of God's plan?
 8. **Read [Acts 2:14-21](#).** What is Peter describing? List some of the signs or manifestations of the Spirit you have experienced. What are some that have yet to come? What are you expectantly praying for?
 9. The Greek work "kerygma" means "proclamation." The entire Bible proclaims the coming Messiah and then makes clear that He is Jesus. **Read [Acts 2:22-39](#).** In many ways, this is one of the simplest, clearest passages of that Good News. What main points are there in the Gospel of Jesus as found in Peter's sermon?