

### ***Why Serve in the Church?***

“So many people today are not looking for a place to serve, but for a place to be served. That’s normal for the world to have that attitude, but we are very alarmed and concerned to see this attitude among Christians.”

Why is such expected among the world, but a cause for concern among professing Christians?

Why did Dr. Whitney give the history lesson about how Americans responded to Pearl Harbor?

How does the contrast with volunteer response to Vietnam demonstrate two typical approaches taken by those in the church? Which sounds more like YOU?

Without naming names, how have you seen the Law of WIIFM (What’s in it for me?) at work in your church experiences? How have *you* been guilty of such?

Recount any from your church experiences that exemplified Christlike service. Why did he/she leave a lasting impression?

Dr. Whitney gives the following **reasons Christians should serve in their local church**:

1. Service makes us more like Jesus.
2. Service brings glory to God.
3. Service demonstrates a knowledge of God.
4. Service expresses love for God.
5. Service brings pleasure to God and people.

Which do you find most compelling?

Why did Jesus wash feet in John 13:1-17?

Read Mark 10:35-45. How is greatness in the kingdom achieved and why?

What is the applicational thrust of Philippians 2:3-4, 5-11?

Per 1 Peter 4:10-11, what are 2 reasons we’re gifted by God?

What are the practical implications of Eph 4:11-12 for church members?

Answer together Dr. Whitney’s **diagnostic questions**:

- Do you do a servant’s work with a servant’s heart?
- Are you a consistent worker, not a convenience worker?
- Will you resolve never to retire from serving in the church?
- Are you serving faithfully in the church?

How might we encourage each other to improve in any of the above areas?

Why is the following a great “golden rule” diagnostic question? "What kind of church would my church be, if every member was just like me?" ~J.D. Sumner & the Stamps Quartet

“One way you know you may be growing as a Christian—you start getting to church early to see what you can do to help.” ~Mark Dever