



### **Special Message: Making It Count**

Deep inside we all have a desire for our lives to make a difference in the world around us. We draw deep satisfaction knowing that we have had a positive impact, that we have made a real difference. How can we make our lives count in a big way?

**Bottom Line:** Every follower of Jesus is to serve in his Body and for the good of his Body.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Who was your role model as a child? Why did you look up to them?
2. Think of a person you know that serves others really well. What do they do for others that makes them stand out? Why do you think they serve others?
3. Explain a time when you went the extra mile for someone. What did it mean to them? How did that impact you?
4. **Read Ephesians 4:11-13 & 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27.** All of us are gifted in one way or another. In what ways can God's gift in people be used to further the body of Christ?
5. **Read Ephesians 4:1-7.** In verse 7, the Apostle Paul says, "Now grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift." In this verse, grace means gift freely given. Describe what you're good at - what you're gifted to do. Describe a time when you were able to use that gift to benefit others. How did that impact them and you?
6. **Read 1 Corinthians 15:58.**
  - If you currently serve in the church, what **are you doing** right now to excel in the Lord's work?
  - If you're not serving in church, what **can you do** right now to excel in the Lord's work? What are the next steps you need to take to make that happen?
7. Why is it important that every follower of Jesus serve in His Body? What is at stake?
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
9. How can the group encourage you this week?

\*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.