

# SMALL THINGS **BIG** DIFFERENCE

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“Volunteer Your Time”

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### INTRODUCTION

An ancient proverb says, “If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.” Happiness is found in helping others. Jesus said, “It’s better to give than receive.” A small thing that’ll make a big difference in your life is: volunteer your time.

### FOR DISCUSSION

1. Share about a time when someone went out of their way to serve you or your family. What did they do, and how did it make you feel?
2. Share about a time when you went out of your way to serve someone. What did you do? Why? How did it make you feel?
3. **Read Galatians 5:13.** Why is **love** a better motivator for service than **guilt**?
4. **Read 1 Corinthians 12, and Romans 12.** If you know some of your “spiritual gifts,” share them with your group. If you don’t, share what you think they may be...and/or ask other members to share what gifts they see in your life.
5. Some common **TRAPS** to avoid re: spiritual gifts are **comparison** (comparing your gifts to other people), **projection** (wishing others had gifts similar to yours), and **rejection** (refusing to discover or utilize the gifts God has given you). Which do you see yourself most easily falling into?
6. **Read 1 Corinthians 12:18-20.** What stands out to you in this passage?
7. What is your biggest takeaway from Joe’s video in the sermon?
8. When you think about “**Getting in the game**” of volunteering...what areas seem like the best fit for you to serve, and why?
9. What steps can you take to volunteer your time? What is holding you back?
10. What are the blessings and benefits that come from serving others? (\*If possible, share from personal experience.)

**COMMIT TO MEMORY:** *“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10*

**PRAYER:** Pray that God’s Spirit prompts 250+ CPCers to “get in the game” of volunteering and that people sign up to use their gifts to serve. Pray that God helps people experience the benefits and blessings of serving others: purpose, people/community, and impact (among many others).