

BASE CAMP



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September 16 & 17

People Matter

This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before using the study in your group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own. The purpose of this guide is merely to help facilitate discussion, so don't feel pressure to visit every question.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Whether you're summiting Everest or hiking in Brown County, the purpose of a base camp is to rest, refuel, and recenter yourself for the journey ahead. Our base camp is a revisiting of why we do what we do, who we are, and who we want to be as a church and a community.

TEXT

Acts 6:1-4, 1 Corinthians 12:5, 1 Peter 4:8-11

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In your own life, do you do more consuming or more contributing? If you feel like you are consuming too much, how can you start contributing in meaningful ways?
2. The following questions are aimed at helping you identify and remove three cultural roadblocks that often prevent you from contributing.

Your life is built to accumulate comfort. How much does your desire for personal comfort affect your willingness to serve others? What are some things you do to accumulate comfort?

Your life if built to protect privacy. Do you have any habits you need to break to become more accessible? If so, what are they? How can you break them?

Your life is built to avoid injustice. When you're not the victim of injustice, does it affect your urgency to step in and help and/or defend? If so, how might God be calling you to engage?

3. 1 Peter 4:10 says, "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another." Just as it was in the early church, you have been given gifts by God to be used for the mission of the church. What are some gifts you feel like God has given you? Are you using them for the benefit of others?

Visit tpcc.org/spiritualgifts to take a spiritual gifts assessment. This tool will help you determine what God has gifted and skilled you to do, and maybe give you some direction in deciding where you are best fit to serve.

NEXT STEPS

Review the seven values below and take some time to reflect or journal your thoughts about each. Take note of which ones are natural for you to live out and which are areas of growth. What are some key things God has taught you through this sermon series?

Relational Evangelism: we will "wreck the roof" by removing unnecessary barriers that keep people from Jesus.

Biblical Authority: we will hold the bible above us as our authority while striving to help everyone understand and apply it.

Intentional Discipleship: we will intentionally dig our spiritual wells deep through study, prayer, and relationships.

Outstanding Environments: we will remember that kingdom purpose wins over personal preference as we create environments for people to meet Jesus.

Healthy Culture: we will stay humble and hungry as we relentlessly focus on accomplishing the mission.

Joyful Generosity: we will lead the way with the kind of generosity that only makes sense in light of God's grace.

Gifted Service: we will always look for ways to contribute rather than consume.