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Internal Before External

Matthew 7:3-5

Serving - Use Your Gifts

1 Corinthians 12
1 Corinthians 7:17

Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 12:7

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

Key Truth:

Priscilla & Aquila - an example from Scripture

Acts 18
2 Timothy 4:19
1 Corinthians 16:19
Romans 16:3-5

Serve Together

Genesis 1:28
Proverbs 22:6

Key Practice:

Start Well

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Questions to ponder, pray over, and discuss...

1. After reviewing the notes and the sermon, what stood out to you as most important, insightful, controversial, etc.? Discuss.
2. Is your pitcher empty or full? In other words, how are things in your relationship with God? Is your marriage in a healthy spot? Is your serving anywhere causing unhealth in either area?
3. Ben shared the perspective that marriage, singleness, and having kids or not are spiritual gifts from God in the same way that leadership, preaching, exhortation, and others are spiritual gifts. How does this change your approach to the state you're in?
4. We've all spent time longing for a stage of life that we're not in. Has that ever kept you from serving well in that state? Has that ever pushed you forward to serve even more in the state you're in?
5. Read the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30) with the perspective that your stage of life is a gift. It's one of the "talents" you've been given. How are you using your stage of life? Are you being fruitful, or have you buried it?
6. Who are some examples you know that have served well as a married couple? As a single person? As parents? As a couple without kids? What have you learned from each?
7. MARRIED OR DATING PEOPLE: Who is a couple you want to go on an intentional double date with? Why?
8. SINGLE AND DATING PEOPLE: Read 1 Corinthians 7:32-35. Does that encourage you?
9. What are some ways you can uniquely serve others in your stage of life?