



## **Fresh Start - Outward**

What happens if the church stops reaching outside of its walls?

In the deepest sense of the word, ministry is simply love in action. How have you felt love through the ministry of a church?

**Read: Ephesians 4:11-13, 1 Peter 4:10, 1 Corinthians 12:18-27**

According to scripture, what is the role of the pastor in the church?

Does everyone have a gift to serve? What are we supposed to use them for?

What happens when we “do his work and build up the church”? (Eph. 4:13)

Agree or Disagree: Maturity isn't proven by knowledge, it is displayed by behavior.

Why do you answer as you do?

How does everyone using their gifts to serve bring unity to the church?

How does not using our gifts to serve keep us apart?

How are you gifted? How did you discover that?

**Read: Romans 8:28**

God doesn't require us to have a perfect past, just a willing heart.

What are some of the big “buts” that you have heard that keep people from serving?

Why do our failures actually prepare us to serve?

But what do people need?

**Read: Matthew 25:35-40, John 2:17, John 2:17, Acts 1:8, Colossians 3:23**

How does the tangible love described in Matthew 25 make a difference? Has it ever made a difference for you?

What difference does passion make when we serve others? How does a lack of passion hurt our witness?

How does humility set our service apart?

Why does it matter that we serve beyond our walls? Why does it matter that we serve beyond our community?

Does God want our excellence? Why? What difference does it make?

How do you feel God is calling you to serve? What is your next step?

Take time to close in prayer.